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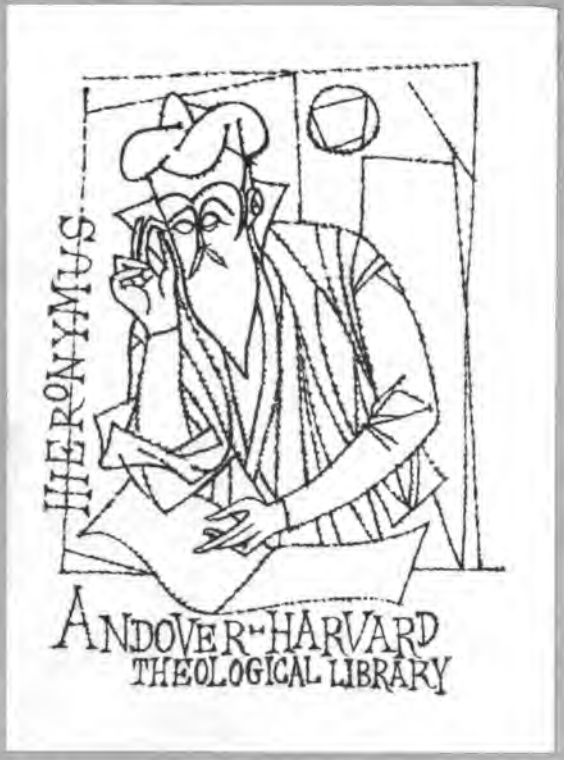
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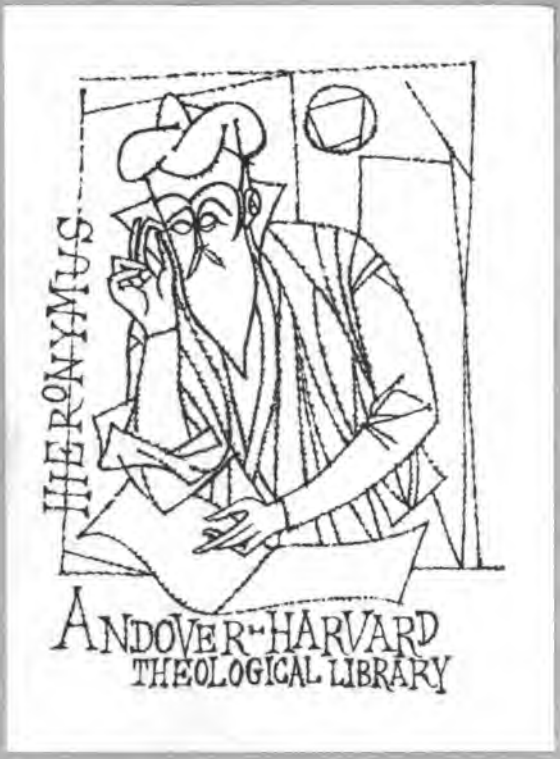
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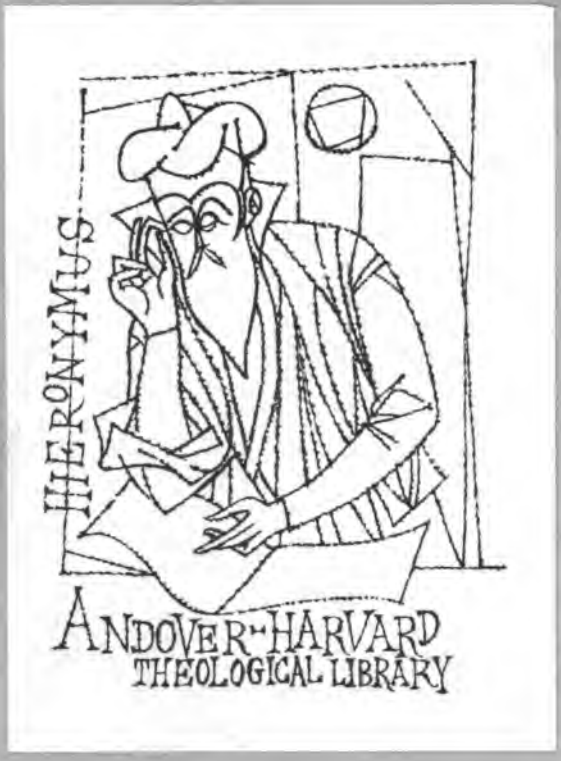
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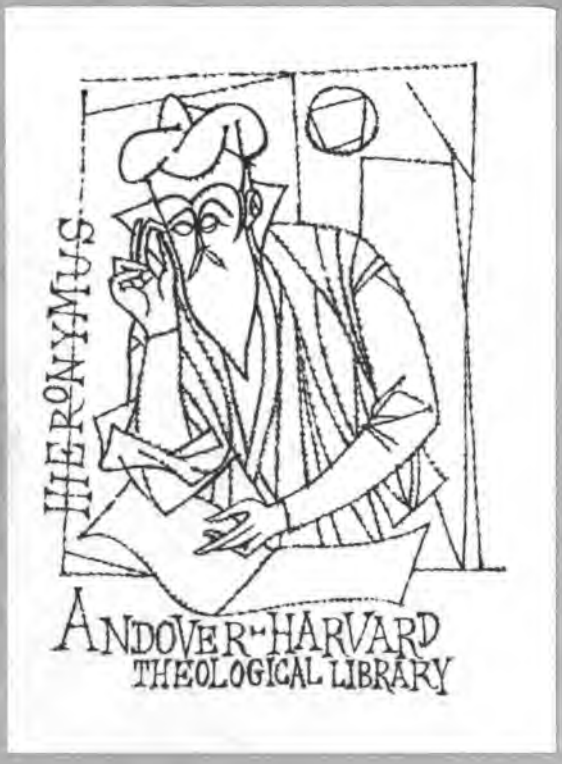
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MANY MEMBERS, YET BUT ONE BODY.—*1 Cor. 12 : 20.*

"There is no real unity on earth, whether in the natural or spiritual economy, which does not *consist in* diversity. *Liber Librorum.*"

LET me ask you to picture to yourselves some complex and stately material structure. It is builded of wood and stone of many kinds. Workmen of all countries and of almost all ages have been employed in doing the work. There have been, of course, from first to last, a multitude of master builders, bishops or overseers. And the building, in its vastness, is full of almost numberless varieties.

The question arises whether all this is diversity in unity, or merely one piece of diversity after another, having nothing in common. It is certain that there is a great deal of diversity. The contrasts in material, form, finish, appearance, are very numerous and very conspicuous. Many things some will admire, and many things others will distaste as much.

There is so much variety that, perhaps, all will find something to praise and something to blame. But amid so much seeming incongruity and opposition, is there actual unity? Judging superficially, we might conclude that there is not. But what is the result upon a second and thorough inspection? Why, that the whole pile was designed by one great architect; that the same design is apparent in

every part; that the same genius animates every part, and that all the parts unite for the same uses and the same ends.

Then you would say,—why, of course, this building is in unity or oneness, from inmost to outmost—from lowest to topmost stone. The varieties of stone and brick and wood, of form and color, workmanship and appearance, — all these do not decide a question of unity, but sink out of view in the presence of the high design, and living spirit, and practical uses that are seen to animate the whole massive pile. For these are the things that must determine a question of unity or oneness.

But suppose that one wing of this edifice were built in the first century, another in the fourth, another in the sixteenth, and still another in the nineteenth century? Why, certainly, the question of time does not affect the question of unity at all, as against the fact of one aim, one spirit, one result!

When the famous cathedral at Cologne, begun in the 13th century, is finished, who shall dispute the right of the most recently constructed parts to an undivided place in the great whole, because built so many centuries after the first beginnings were made?

These illustrations show us very clearly, I think, the nature of unity, particularly as applied to the church, which is the body of Christ. They turn our attention at once from what is superficial and outward, to that which is inward and essential.

Your church may have this form or that — it matters nothing as to its being a constituent part of the body of Christ. It may have a historic record of eighteen centuries, or of eighteen years—the question of time has nothing to do with the question of your being part of "the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."

Questions of time, age, country, form, custom, ceremony — all are lost in that other question whether you are within the design of the infinite Builder, have his spirit, are doing his work, and hastening the completion of his kingdom on earth. For, surely, no one will deny that these things determine the unity of the temple of God, which is the church, as certainly as they do the unity of a temple made of material stuff with human hands.

Let us pass now to consider how far this conception of unity agrees

with the intimations on the subject, given by the New Testament writers.

These men speak of particular churches, as "the seven churches, which are in Asia;" "the church of Ephesus," "the church in Smyrna," "the church in Pergamos," "in Thyatira," "in Sardis," "in Philadelphia," and "the church of the Laodiceans." St. Paul writes "unto the Church of God, which is at Corinth;" "unto the churches of Galatia;" and "unto the churches of the Thessalonians." Also, to "all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints;" to "the saints which are at Ephesus and the faithful in Christ Jesus;" and to "all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops or overseers and deacons." The apostle Peter writes "to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia."

Thus, we have the churches of a particular country, and the saints or faithful here and there.

But without reference to any country, or city, or town, or time, in his first epistle to Timothy, St. Paul speaks as already quoted, of "the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." Where was this church located? where was this "house" or "church" in Paul's day established? in what part of the world? in what city or town? in what age of the world was it planted? who can tell? The truth is, there is "the house of God," "the church of the living God," without any limitation of time or place. You cannot locate it. You find it like the beams of the mid-day sun—not here, not there, but everywhere. This church no age, no country, no place can appropriate. It partakes of the indivisible and omnipresent nature of its author. As he is Saviour not to a particular age, or country, or people, but to all the ages and all the peoples of the world, so his church is of such an universal amplitude, that not this age nor that, not this country nor that, not this body of Christians nor that, can appropriate it. It is the one true Catholic church, and is composed of all sects or sections of Christ's people, whatever the distinctive name or form they may take. Every particular church is a sect or section of the church general or universal. And every particular church is, from the very nature of the case, sectarian; not using this word in a bad, but just sense. But

there is absolute unity in sectarian diversity. The diversities are things nominal, external and superficial. The unities are things internal, essential and profound. The law of inward unity overrides outward differences; whereby God's people, however distinguished by name or cult, "are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God, fitly framed together" by an inward unity, "unto a holy temple in the Lord, in whom all are builded together for a habitation of God through the spirit." And thus is constituted the house of God, which is THE CHURCH of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."

It is plain, of course, that any particular church, as the Greek, Roman or English, whatever of hoary age or dusty records, or brilliant history they may boast, can claim at most and as their highest distinction, only that they are parts of the universal body. One branch of the great family may think to exclude another, but the compact is eternal. Do you own the Head? Do you build upon the Foundation? Do you receive the Spirit? These are overshadowing conditions of unity; and to exclude this sect or that from the household, for any other cause than rejection of them, is as if you should deny your neighbor's dwelling to be any house at all, because not painted like your own, or because you have blinds and he has none; or your roof is sharp and his is flat, or your establishment is very old and his very new; or he looks through stained glass and you through plain; or his doors and windows are Gothic and yours Grecian.

But I must not dwell longer on this part of the subject. If all truly christian sects have a real unity or oneness, and constitute the church of God which is Christ's body, it is important to evince the fact to the world.

And in the first place, because of the Fact. This unity is an absolute fact, and if you do not show it, you put something else in its place. You declare to the world not that which is true, but something else, which is not true.

Now, I hear people talk about *the* church, and that the little sectarian body which is called by their own name. There is, indeed, but one church, one body, and members in particular. It is these members or branches that, uniting, make up the completeness of the body.

But if a limb of the church, no matter how old it may be, stand up and say — "I am the church, I am the whole church; there is no other church besides me," — why, that is a libel upon the whole "household of faith," which is the church. It is not only not telling the truth, but it is telling the untruth. It is not only not exhibiting a great and glorious reality to the world, but it is getting up a counterfeit and a sham in its stead. I say the church ought to evince her unity, because she ought to tell the truth in the case. Her sects are diversities in unity, multiplicity in oneness. And if she do not show the fact, she will put something false in its place.

But, also, for the sake of authenticating Christianity itself. The real and visible agreement of Christ's followers in one spirit, one aim, and one fellowship, would be a testimony to the true and living author of our religion, impossible to gainsay. It is, at the least, a kind of evidence too weighty and valuable to be lost. I apprehend that never were the assaults upon christianity so powerful as at this day, and that never was skepticism so deeply and widely pervading.

Our enemies never employed genius, learning and philosophy even abstrusely as now. But they are not limited by any thing abstruse in philosophy or lore. The infidelity of to-day is as popular in form as it is profound and affluent in research. And, while it is easy to catch the popular ear long enough to instil the poison of skepticism, it may be impossible to exact the patience of hearing necessary to expel that poison. But it is changing this contest from the learning of the schools and the theories of popular writers and orators, when we can transfer it to the concurrent testimonies and acts of the whole body of believers; their words and deeds, their aims and efforts, all instinct with daily experience of a living Christ, and all absorbed in the blessed unity and fellowship of his cause. Let the church authenticate her Christ and her cause by evincing, at least, the unity of her experience, of her works, of her communion, and of her appeals. Let her, at least, cease to obstruct, and to defer centuries longer, the fulfilment of the Saviour's prayer — "I pray for them that they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may *believe* thou hast sent me; that the

world may *know* that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them as thou hast loved me.

This unity realized, men will see in it not only evidence of an historic Christ, but also the very presence of our Lord now. They will note the outbeaming of his spirit, the demonstration of his power, the fulfilling of his promise, the ongoings and uprisings of his kingdom to final completion. But when wrangling christians and conflicting churches deny and disown one another, should it be thought strange if the world reject them and the Master too, whom they so misrepresent? If the Christ of prophecy have indeed come, and the Christ of the New Testament be indeed in the world, men must look to see the fact evidenced in the fellowship of his disciples, and in the unity of the church which is his body.

But again for the sake of the work to be done. What are its dimensions? Measure it and see. Weigh, measure, estimate it as best you can, and tell us what it is. It is here, but it is not confined to this place. It is in this state, but it is not confined to this state. It is in this country, but it is not confined to this country. No! the work overruns town and state and nation. It spreads itself over the continents and all the islands of the sea. It embraces the peoples and nations of the earth. The field is the world.

It were easy to state the superficial bounds of the work, but when it comes to the nature, variety, and difficulty of the work, you need an archangel's comprehension and pen. Your task lies along the ways of sin in all its myriad forms. You must meet it sometimes as latent, then as partially developed, feebly operative, and yet again as out in giant, hideous form and power. "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." The opposition is personal and it is social. It is isolated and it is combined. It is spiritual and it is material. It is concealed and it is open. It works cunningly, silently, secretly, and it flaunts its banners at noon-day. It takes all forms and occupies all times and places. It hangs upon and pervades the world like the darkness of night.

It is the work of recovering a fallen, accurst world unto the do-

minion of purity, holiness and peace. It is to break down the utter reign of worldliness and enthrone a heavenly mind in its place.

If the work to be done were ten thousand times less than it is, it would be overwhelming to finite efforts. We should say, even then, if there should be opened windows in heaven, then might the church, rich in her accumulated means, aglow in the unity of the spirit, and strong in the almightiness of her Head, move upon her enemies from so many different points at once, and with such combined power as to promise the not far distant conquest of the world at her feet. But as the case stands, the disproportion of effective means to the work in charge, oppresses our spirits and almost conquers our faith. We tremble even for our own country, whether we can hold it for Christ or not. Apart from that general corruption which is aimless, but like the ocean, ever restless, and ceases never to wash and undermine the institutions of religion and virtue, we are always in danger from the organized plottings of demagogues in the state, and of Jesuits in a church, now as ever, supremely greedy of temporal power. We have seen what danger lay in our path from heart corruption, civil disloyalty and armed rebellion. And now there are men counted wise, who do not hesitate to alarm us with what they deem signs of an approaching religious war that shall more terribly afflict the nation, and drive it nearer, if not quite over the verge of ruin. Is it, then, a question before which Christian patriotism sometimes trembles, whether we can hold this advance and grandly strategic position for Christ — what becomes of our faith in christianizing and saving the world? If we sometimes tremble with rational fear lest the banner of Christ and of Liberty must go down in our own country, with what vigor are we going to prosecute the work of raising other peoples from the sloughs of heathenism and of placing them finally where we now stand? And yet we stand aloof from each other. The churches of our Lord refuse to mass against the world. They refuse even to mass against the common enemies of our country. They insist in marching often in antagonistic columns, upon unsupporting lines, and refuse to form as one body against a common foe.

It is combination that enthrones sin. It is weak when it stands alone. It is sin massing and combining that makes it terrible. The friends of God and humanity are summoned to meet its concentra-

tions by themselves massing and concentrating against it. Combined effort, combined persuasion and dissuasion, combined example, combined influence, combined pleadings with men and with God — these are the demands of the hour.

We had in our late war a great many distinctive organizations, and a great variety of flags, but it was by none of these that we conquered. If the States had insisted, each one, upon unfurling a state banner, and had marched off upon that, defending an independent line of State sovereignty, no one doubts how soon the nation would have become a hopeless ruin. It was combination that saved us. It was the rallying of all, around the flag of the Union. The churches of our Lord must rally upon the cross; be willing to wave that as their common banner, and by that conquer; be in earnest to lift up a crucified Saviour, and draw their inspiration from Him. Some of the most powerful denominations have been also the most divergent as compared with each other. But with all their differences, they have alike reapt rich harvests in the vineyard of the Lord. However, their differences were not their power; it was hid in their agreements under differences. The unities are the hiding of our power. The unities are great ligaments that have always bound the sects into one body; and so strong have they proved, that, thus far, sectarian bigotry has not been able to cut them quite asunder. Personal faith and holiness, the indwelling of God in human souls, the christianizing of motives and aims, of institutions and laws; — these are the objects that should engross our energies, and before which mere sectarian ends pale as the stars go out at the rising of the sun.

It remains that I make a few remarks in application of the subject to this occasion.

1. The integrity and usefulness of the church will be best promoted by a due care of the denominational parts. Our own body is one of those parts, and hence the especial denominational duty with which we are charged. We have our place to fill, our part to act as one battalion in the sacramental host. The more complete we are in ourselves, and the more earnest we are to do the work of a particular church, by so much the more shall we augment the power and the glory of the Church general. There is the fairest field for denomi-

tionalism. The highest possible motives urge to it. It is the enlarging and perfecting of the column into which we have been mustered, and as soldiers of Christ are called to do service. Some part of the field on which is raging the battle between sin and holiness, is especially in our keeping. It has been entrusted to our fidelity. If we fail, the battle is so far imperiled or lost. If we have a right to be a denomination at all then we have principles that are distinctive and worth maintaining, principles that are important to say the least, to some part of the field, and which will be asserted by none as by ourselves. We ought to assert them with all truthfulness and christian zeal, or yield our place as a distinct body of christians. Every sect should boldly uphold that which rightfully makes it a sect. If it does not or cannot, let it relapse into some other.

I have the utmost faith in the church as now constituted of many christian sections or sects. But I have no faith either in the possibility or desirableness of one church in which all denominational distinctions should be merged or blotted out. I see not how it can be doubted that the great ends of the church are best promoted by division of her members under distinctive names, each working in its own sphere, in its own way, while all work together for the one infinite end for which Christ died. True christian denominationalism is unselfish and fraternal. It asserts itself that it may *insert* itself as a power in the church general. It is only till I become denominational that I am prepared to extend my arms in a noble fellowship. Every church ought to be denominational not for its own sake but for Christ and his cause.

Personality is something positive, a will, a conscience, an intelligence, a power. And it is such powers that move the world. A church or sect should have similar distinctiveness, a character cut, engraved, or written after its own pattern. It is not to be a thing in general but something unique, insular, a unity in itself. Then it becomes a power telling upon the community around, upon the state, upon the nation, and even upon the whole world. And it becomes the first duty of its members to labor for its own growth and upbuilding. This, because they have promised to do it, and because in this way they will make the most of their influence. If you wish to be most widely and permanently influential, [illegible]ner your influence in some church. Husband it there

and draw out of it from thence to sow the state and sow the land. Make your church a magazine of supplies. Make it a granary in which shall be stored the corn of Egypt to overcome the famine of the world.

2. Every church should regard itself consciously and practically *as* a constituent part of the church general. As we shall grow into the full stature of christian men and women, this it seems to me must be one of the consequences. We shall cease to feel an unlawful ambition for sect, and shall be chiefly desirous for the prosperity of the church.

We cannot be too much in earnest to have the church go everywhere, but our zeal should be content to have one sect or another of the church established in this place or that, as circumstances may dictate. I mean of course where there is room but for one. Protestant christians appear to forget that they belong to a communion of saints and one Catholic church. We see them therefore contracting and narrowing down their regards to a sect, which, while it may be great and powerful as a whole, is feeble in particular localities, and not called to plant itself there at all. The members of Christ's body must learn to mark and digest this great circumstance, that while the church has her mission everywhere, *not* all her sects have their mission everywhere. It is a distinction hitherto for the most part overlooked, and wherever there was room for a *church*, there the *sects* have rushed in. We all know how many places there are which afford room for and have the means of supporting the one, while they are crippled by the other. While in some places all the sects or sections of the church may flourish, in many more it is absolutely necessary to curtail them, and so elect one or two as being enough, all that the means of the community will allow. There is a pride or love of sect, call it what you will, that is carried to inordinate extent. No matter over how many hundreds of thousands, or even millions, the banner of our sect may float, or how strong and honorable its positions in almost every part of the world, or how steady and sweeping the march of its progress to other and greater victories, we seem to forget it all, and act just as though the very existence of our sect anywhere were poised upon its being set up in every little town, or neighborhood, or outpost, to

be found. The great duty of christians for to-day is, to bring themselves to feel an overshadowing regard for the church. Then they will cease to heap upon her reproaches, and to defeat her mission as they now do. There is nothing in the history of meanness more mean than is to be found in the encroachments of sect upon sect, nothing more full of dishonor to Christ and his cause, nothing against which all christians and christian ministers should set their faces with a sterner displeasure. If the field were not so large, if it were anything less than the continents of the earth and all the islands of the sea, if here in our own state there were any lack of room, or of opportunity, for christians to employ all the means, in a lawful and most useful way, which they can possibly raise, there might be some apology for the infringing and encroaching of one sect upon another. As the case stands there is no apology. We cripple one another. Is there a more burning shame? With a work upon the hands of all that is crushing, with means which at the best are so inadequate, and with so much of the allotted duty left undone, — is there anything more reprehensible, or that stands out in sadder contrast to all the generous impulses and unspeakable greatness of our common christianity? It seems to me that I have suggested the remedy. When christians can receive into their hearts the church of Christ they will be willing to let sects go up or go down as the usefulness and honor of the church may dictate. Meanwhile let us labor for this result. Let all good christians take note of the evil and do what they can to abate it. It is an evil of which I think we have but little conception. It is an evil which this society should set itself consciously and of purpose to overcome. It is an evil which all who desire the prevalence of Christ's kingdom should lose no opportunity of rebuking.

3. It is obvious that no sect has a right to hold any tenets inconsistent with christian fellowship and a general christian co-operation. If they have, then the house may be lawfully divided against itself. And while scripturally we must hold to a real unity of the church, practically it is a figment. We introduce a wedge that splits it asunder.

4. In the spirit of unity and fellowship each sect is left free to pursue its own work in its own way as called in the providence of

God. And this brings me in conclusion to the special work of this society, which I humbly hope the previous discussion may in some degree facilitate. Whatever may be the extent of the whole field, *our* work lies primarily in Maine. If to any purpose we are to tell upon other states and upon other parts of the world, it must be by making ourselves a power at home first. Mr. Coleridge says of the ancient Greeks, that "while they remained free and independent, while they had a country, a home of their own which they cherished, they were the fountains of light and civilization, of truth and beauty to all mankind! They were the thinking head, the breathing heart of the whole world!" * * * As "intense patriots they were the benefactors of all mankind, legislators for the very nation that enslaved them." But when they ceased to have a country to care for, a home, anything of their own on which to lavish their affections, and became "pure cosmopolites," interested in one place as much as in another, they ceased to have influence anywhere. This then is the law illustrated in innumerable ways, that the influence which is to be sent out upon others must first be garnered in yourselves.

Our churches in Massachusetts are contributing yearly some sixty thousand dollars for home missions at the west, besides nine or ten thousand within her own limits. The secret of this is that "in the earliest history of the state the Pilgrims began to provide spiritually for their own. The general court even interposing to make grants of money for the preaching of the gospel among its own people." But sixty-nine years ago, thirty-nine good men met in a parlor in Boston to consult about home missionary work, and the two dollars per annum then paid for membership began the history of the Mass. H. M. Society. It was formed for missions in that state alone, but now spreads the wings of it beneficence over the entire west. And the same churches, with a bounty immensely augmented through the agency of that same society it cannot be doubted, now scatter their gifts over the world. That society formed in 1799 in helping Massachusetts, helped Maine also. I remember one summer day when a boy at school looking out of the window and seeing a tall, slim, swarthy looking young man in black pass along the street, in company with my father. It was an unusual sight, it was the missionary *

*Rev. Caleb Hobart.

whom Massachusetts had sent to us in those ends of the earth. And he brought with him culture, the learning of the schools, and the piety of the saints. It *was* a great thing only to *see* such a man. It was a great thing only to see a better type of civilization than prevailed around. It surely *was* a great thing to have the cultivated mind and devout heart of such a man brought in contact with the people. And then my dear mother died, — a day as sad to me as possible, — and the funeral came,—an event to me of unspeakable gloom,—but the missionary was there to lighten the gloom, to lift the pall that hung down upon us all, to trace the silver lining of the cloud, to point to a bright world beyond the gloom of the present, and exhort us to look unto a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, and come boldly unto a throne of grace that we might obtain mercy, and find grace to help in such a time of need.

Was ever angel or man charged with a diviner mission? It went to all that is fundamental to man's happiness in this world and the next. It was kindling a fire, a light, and a heat at the very base of society, as men set their fires in the arches of the kiln, and it goes crackling through the pile, setting the whole mass aglow with flame. You could not kindle your fires upon the top and send them downward, but putting them underneath the mass, they burn through and through and convert the brittle clay into solid brick. The way to renovate men, and ultimately society, is to begin with the lowest story in the frame of human existence, the affections and passions. This is the most fundamental and indispensable of all work to a state. And it is upon us to do it in our measure for this state, and for all the states of this union.

We are advancing as a nation with a prospective population of one hundred and twenty millions, fifty years hence, and two-fifths of that number, or twenty-four millions at the rate of the past will have no proper sense of the duties of American citizens. An empire of 120,000,000, its government in the hands of the people, and they required to possess neither property nor intelligence, nor virtue! Is it not a fearful prospect to contemplate? Do not say, never mind, it will all eventuate well. We had been singing that syren song for fifty years when the rebellion broke in upon us and rolled its sea of blood over the land! Who supposes that with a million of intelligent peo-

ple at the south, in place of the million whose minds were innocent of knowledge, the south could ever have been voted out of the union. We have placed the ballot in the hands of every man except the colored man, without concerning ourselves if he had one of the qualifications necessary to the proper exercise of a function upon which hangs the stability of the government. The Puritan fathers have shown us how states are to be made and preserved. New England, with a native illiterate population of only eight thousand five hundred, is an example. The Puritan church was the germ of the state. The church flowered into free schools and all our free institutions. She bears on her branches, education and civil and religious rights to all the people. She can make no difference. She is herself but the instrument of Christ. He died for all, and he welcomes every child of Adam to a place in his kingdom, and offers the same immunities to all.

If you would save our expanding country, you must follow the teeming populations with the church and the school. Send the preachers of Christ into all parts of the land, to make war upon the depravity, ignorance, and barbarism that have once attempted to destroy our government, and which will yet do it if we do not destroy them. You must christianize the people. You must introduce the mind of Christ into their mind. They are sinners, sunk, millions of them, far down in ignorance and crime; you must introduce into their hearts the Friend of sinners. This great mind that built the worlds, this great heart that ceased its throbbings upon the cross to save our race — you must preach into the hearts of the people and bring them under his dominion — then will they awake from the stupor of mental darkness and open their eyes in the light of an intelligent conscience.

We made war upon barbarism when it took the sword, *with* the sword. But still it stares us in the face, and we are summoned to make war upon it now with the sword of the spirit; by "the word of God, which is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

The church has gone into heathen lands as she was commanded to

do, and is preaching the gospel everywhere in the heathen world to-day — but in doing so, she has skipped a broad belt of heathenism around her. She has not worked through the dense heathenism lying round about Jerusalem and permeated it with light, but in her mission of salvation to the world, has left wide, almost unbroken tracts of moral darkness behind her. She has done this — (I mean our American church) — to the peril of herself. For while she has been proclaiming the gospel abroad, Satanic ambition at home, seizing upon wide-spread regions of corruption and ignorance at home, has struck at the very existence of our nation, and sought to scatter all our means at once of evangelizing the nation and the world. We have resembled the condition of Rome, who, when she was advancing her eagles everywhere, and extending her empire to the remotest parts, forgot her own security; saw not the hand that was raised to stab her own mighty heart, and so, in the utmost extent of dominion, was overrun and overturned by the hordes of the north!

But, Mr. Merivale speaks of "the human appearance of our Lord" Jesus Christ * * * about the middle of the reign of Augustus Cæsar, as the "mysterious event, in which we trace the germ of Roman dissolution." The kingdom founded in principles and customs adverse to Christ's kingdom, must go down before it. O, how glorious to *save* this empire through the power of Christ, as the Roman is thought to have been overturned by it.

To save our country, may the great Head unite his church in mutual endeavors. May the branches labor together, strengthen and support each other. May the cause greaten our souls, broaden our narrowness, melt our bigotry, break in pieces our flinty selfishness, and open our minds into depths and breadths and heights commensurate with the greatness of Christ's kingdom. Come, O Christ, into all our hearts. Enter, blessed Jesus, in the fullness of thy power, of thy charity, of thy mercy, of thy peace and salvation. Enter thy church universal. Break down separating walls. Burn with unquenchable fire, sectarian bigotry. Let not thy house be divided. Let thy people love as brethren. Let thy church be filled with prayer and love and praise. Let salvation flow to all nations and people, through the sanctified union and power of thy people.

Do not thy churches contain the moral flowage of the world; and

from them as a head power, must not the streams flow which turn those wheels of society that depend on moral force to set them in motion? Is it not theirs to unite the separate streams and pour them in one volume upon the unevangelized masses around? Let not thy people lose themselves, like drops of water in the sandy desert; but send thou, O Christ, into all their hearts, the spirit of Love, of Wisdom, of Unity, and Power. AMEN.

SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

AINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

PRESENTED BY THE TRUSTEES,

AT THE

ANNIVERSARY MEETING, JUNE 24, 1868.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING.

THE sixty-first anniversary meeting of the MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY was held June 24, 1868, in the Congregational meeting-house, in Thomaston,—the Rev. J. K. Mason, Pastor.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the President.

The annual sermon was preached by the Rev. Uriah Balkam, D. D., of Lewiston. Text, 1 Cor. 12: 20. A copy of which was requested for the press.

The Treasurer's report was read, and adopted.

The report of the Trustees was read by the Secretary, and was adopted, and ordered to be printed.

Brief and pertinent addresses were made by the Rev. Dr. Lambert of New York, delegate of General Assembly N. S., Dr. Thomas Haley, of Biddeford, who sealed the sincerity of his words by an offering of $10, and Rev. Mr. Thwing of Boston, who wanted only one minute in which to express his deep interest in the Maine Missionary Society, and in proof offered the Treasurer of the Society $50, desiring that his name and that of his wife might be added as life members.

The following resolutions were adopted after brief addresses from the various persons designated:

Resolved, That the aid we render to the institutions of religion is not so much a charity to them, as a co-operation with them in doing a work for Christ and the salvation of men, which is as much our work as theirs, and as much theirs as ours.

Remarks by Rev. J. O. Fiske, of Bath.

Resolved, That in many cases we ought to labor just as earnestly and cordially for the sustentation and perpetuation of Christian institutions in sparsely settled neighborhoods, in which little or no increase of population is to be expected, as in our more thriving and prosperous villages and cities.

Remarks by Rev. A. B. Lambert, Del. Pres. Church.

Resolved, That we are not to expect our missionary work in the State of Maine to be done, till the time shall have come when that saying of our Lord shall no longer be true: "The poor ye have always with you."

Remarks by Rev. W. W. Andrew, of Connecticut.

Resolved, That we extend the right hand of fellowship to all our Christian brethren of the various denominations, and to all who, in whatever legitimate way, are laboring to cause the truths and the spirit of the Gospel to permeate the entire community; and particularly would greet, as new and efficient helpers in the work of home evangelization, the Young Mens' Christian Associations; bidding them God-speed in their work, as a most important supplement of ours, and inviting them, in addition to their own characteristic labors, to sustain to the utmost of their ability, the Home Missionary Societies of their several denominations.

Remarks by Bro. Thomas Haley, of Biddeford.

The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year:

PRESIDENT.

Rev. GEORGE E. ADAMS.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

Hon. GEORGE F. PATTEN.

CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY.

Rev. STEPHEN THURSTON.

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Rev. STEPHEN THURSTON,	Rev. JOHN O. FISKE,
SAMUEL ADAMS, Esq.,	Hon. WOODBURY DAVIS,

Rev. HENRY F. HARDING.

AUDITORS.

~~WILLIAM D. LITTLE, Esq.~~,	GEO. FRANCIS THURSTON.
DEA. THOS. R. HAYES,	

The next annual meeting is appointed to be held at Bangor, the fourth Wednesday of June, 1869, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Rev. William H. Fenn, first preacher; Rev. Javan K. Mason, second preacher.

S. Thurston, *Secretary*.

SIXTY-FIRST REPORT.

Another circuit of the year has brought us to the sixty-first anniversary of the Maine Missionary Society. Through the good providence of God the life of all the Trustees and Missionaries of the Society has been preserved another year. Not one has fallen. But some of the most efficient friends and patrons of the Institution have passed to their reward. Among its long tried friends who have passed away there rises to our view the late Prof. Shepard, whose potent advocacy of Home Missions, both by precept and example, has turned many a rill of charity into its treasury. He was a high-toned, noble hearted and powerful advocate of the Redeemer's cause. As a genial friend, as an able and eloquent preacher of the everlasting gospel, as a skillful teacher of the rising ministry, we shall not often see his like. Maine owes to him a debt of gratitude due to few others.

Scarcely less distinguished as a friend of missions and humanity, was the late Prof. William Smyth, of Bowdoin College. Though principally occupied with the exact sciences, so far removed from the realm of emotion, yet his heart was ever ready to glow with ardent interest in whatever cause affected the well-being of man for this life and that which is to come. Both these men were early and fearless advocates of that great movement of the century — though at the peril of their good name — whose consummation has been reached in the downfall of slavery. Noble men! fitted by nature, by culture, and by grace, to act an important part in the great drama of human life, having filled the measure of their days and the mission of their life in a most honorable manner, they passed suddenly to their reward, and reached the crown of life that fadeth not. We will cherish a grateful remembrance of their names, and hold up their virtues as an example, to stimulate others to go and do likewise.

Among the more liberal benefactors of the society, who have departed this life the past year, is the late John Storer, Esq., of Sanford. Besides adding to its permanent funds one thousand dollars, and deeding to the Trustees a dwelling house in the city of Portland, he had for a series of years annually paid one hundred dollars into its treasury, and probably constituted more persons life members than any other man. Dea. John Kilby, late of Dennysville, has also passed from among the laborers in the Lord's vineyard. Besides an unusual care for the church of which he was an officer, as exhibited in furnishing it with a beautiful parsonage mostly at his own charge, and providing, by will, for the payment of a large parish tax for all coming time, he was a generous supporter of missions. Other patrons have also gone. Thus, year after year, members of the church below are transferred to the church above, leaving to their survivors the responsibility of carrying the gospel to the destitute.

We a little longer toil in this noble enterprise, and are come together to review the labors of another year, and their results. The review will furnish occasion both for humility and gratitude. Humility, that no more has been accomplished for Him who gave his life a ransom for our souls. Gratitude, that God has nevertheless blessed our poor endeavors in the accomplishment of some good done for eternity.

TABULAR VIEW.

The following table gives a comprehensive view of the various missions of the Society the past year.

For the sake of securing full returns, blank circulars were sent to the missionaries, with the request that they should be filled and returned by the first of June.

Tabular View.

CHURCHES AND MISSIONARIES.	COMMISSION. Date of	COMMISSION. Length.	Appropriations.	Months of Labor.	Aver. Congregation	Conversions.	ADDITIONS. Profession.	ADDITIONS. Letter.	Total Number.	Number in weekly Prayer Meeting.	No. in S. Schools.	CONTRIBUT'NS To Mc. Miss. Society.	CONTRIBUT'NS Other objects
1. ACTON, W. T. Patterson	Mar. 26, 1868	1½	$ 48	1½	75	..	..	..	40	10	....	$ 24.00	$ —
2. ALBANY, Rev. S. L. Gould	July 1, 1867	12	300	12	125	3	..	..	50	40	114	39.00	3.00
3. ALNA, Rev. G. B. Richardson	July 1, 1867	12½	75	12½	100	..	..	..	60	....	70	19.00	12.00
4. AMHERST & AURORA, R. P. Hibbard	Aug. 1, 1867	1½	48	1½	....	..	..	..	....	....	....	.....	.....
Rev. H. S. Loring	Dec. 1, 1867	7	117	7	90	10	2	..	28	30	85	20.00	.....
R. D. Osgood	Sept.	1½	48	1½	....	..	..	..	....	....	....	.....	.....
5. ANDOVER, Rev. W. V. Jordan	July 1, 1867	12	100	3	125	..	..	..	85	....	75	.....	.....
H. B. Fry	Feb. 1, 1868	5	52	5	....	..	..	..	....	....	....	.....	.....
6. ANSON, INDUSTRY, NEW PORTLAND, Rev. A. R. Plumer	July 1, 1867	12	200	12	150 60 70	8 .. 1	17 4 ..	.. .. ..	64 43	60 .. 20	75 45 50	8.00 8.00	8.00 ....
7. ATHENS, Rev. C. R. Daggett	July 1, 1867	12½	100	12½	....	..	..	..	17	....	....	.....	.....
8. BENTON AND CLINTON, H. Marden	Aug. 1, 1867	1½	48	1½	75 175	2	4	5	19 5	30	60 70	28.00 7.50	11.25 .....
9. BIDDEFORD, 1st Church Rev. N. Richardson	July 1, 1867	12	150	12	180 90	..	..	..	84	20	50	63.41	21.26
10. BINGHAM AND SOLON, Rev. H. O. Thayer	July 1, 1867	2.4	40	2.4	100 125	22 2	11 ..	1 ..	60 14	65 10	75	.....	.....
Rev. J. K. Deering	Oct. 1, 1867	9	225	8	....	..	..	..	....	....	....	8.00	25.00
11. BLANCHARD, Rev. H. S. Loring	July 1, 1867	12	100	5	70	..	..	..	43	15	50	.....	.....
12. BRISTOL, S. W. Pearson	Sept. 1, 1867	10½	83	10	80	..	..	..	35	....	60	.....	7.50
13. BROOKS AND JACKSON, Rev. T. E. Brastow	July 1, 1867	12	150	12	85 60	3	..	..	67	10	100	29 51	47 21
14. BROOKSVILLE, WEST, Rev. W. W. Dow	July 1, 1867	12	100	12	150	3	4	..	86	40	90	9.68	10.00
15. BROWNFIELD, HIRAM, STOWE, & CHATHAM, Rev. E. B. Pike	July 1, 1867	12	125	12	115 100 90	20	8 2 ..	..	47 11 38	26	85 65 90	19.00 3.00 7.00	34.00 ..... 6.00
16. BURLINGTON, H. H. Hutchinson	Aug. 1, 1867	3	96	1½	95	..	..	..	30	57	75	.....	.....
17. BUXTON, Rev. C. C. Parker	July 1, 1867	12	100	10	....	..	..	..	49	....	60	21.00	11.00
18. ELLINGWOOD COR., UPPER STILLWATER, A. Doremus	Aug. 1, 1867	3	104	3	75 100	.. 1	..	..	....	....	50 60	.....	.....
19. CASCO AND NAPLES, CASCO, Rev. G. F. Tewksbury	July 1, 1867 Oct. 1, 1867	3 9	50 75	3 9	....	..	..	..	28 18 25	10	60	.....	.....
20. CORNISH, Rev. A. Cole	July 1, 1867	12	100	12	80	1	1	..	53	10	60	12.00	28.00
21. DEDHAM, Rev. J. Wells	July 1, 1867	12	200	12	100	24	21	..	69	25	85	45.00	55.00
22. DEER ISLE, NORTH, Rev S. S. Drake	July 1, 1867	12	200	12	100	3	....	8	42	75	40	.....	15.00
23. DENMARK, E. S. Huntress	July 1, 1867	1½	56	1½	130	..	..	..	20	50	25	48.00	.....
24. DEXTER, Rev. W. S. Kimball	Aug. 1, 1867	11	458	11	50	2	4	..	40	10	40	5.00	.....
25. DIXFIELD & RUMFORD, Rev. J. Elliot	July 1, 1867	12	200	12	50 75	..	..	..	22 35	....	45 75	.....	.....
26. DURHAM, D. Merriman	Aug. 1, 1867	2½	80	2½	88	..	7	5	46	12	32	23.00	.....
Rev. A. F. Shattuck	Dec. 1, 1867	7	88	7	....	..	..	..	....	....	....	.....	.....

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EDGECOMB,													
Rev. J. Loring	July 1, 1867	12	$100	12	45		1				70	$ 27.35	$68.65
ESSEX ST., BANGOR,													
AMHERST,													
H. H. Hutchinson				1	65					45			
R. D. Osgood	Aug. 1, 1867	3	9	3									
FREEDOM,	July 1, 1867	3	50	3									
Rev. W. H. Beard	Nov. 1, 1867	8	187	8	80	1	1	3	21		60	11.25	
GARLAND,													
Rev. P. B. Thayer	July 1, 1867	12	15	12	140	3			100	25	100	40.00	85.00
GRAY,													
Rev. E. Bean	July 1, 1867	12	125	12	135	2	2	1	69	22	78	24.00	34.50
GILFORD, SANG'RVILLE					75				15	6	56		
Rev. J. A. Perry	July 1, 1867	12	200	12	100			1	17	20	75	10.00	
HAMPDEN,													
Rev. S. L. Bowles	July 1, 1867	12	20	12	125	20	2	1	86	50	120	43.50	100.00
HOLDEN,													
Rev. J. K. Deering	July 1, 1867	12	100	3	125				86	45	100		
ISLE AU HAUT,													
Rev. J. Eaton	July 1, 1867	12	100	12	40				15		30		
KENDUSKEAG,					125		1	2	52	50	84	15.00	
MONROE,					70					20	50		
J. Dingwell	Aug. 1, 1867	3	95	3									
KENNEBUNKPORT,	March 26 1868	1½	48	1½	70				158				
H. S. Shapleigh													
KITTERY,													
Rev. T. L. Ellis	July 1, 1867	9½	158	9½	100				32		94	18.00	30.00
LEE,					60				17	5	65	7.00	18.00
SPRINGFIELD,					45				23		40		
Rev. C. H. Emerson	July 1, 1867	12	320	12									
LIMERICK,													
Rev. P. Titcomb	July 1, 1867	12	150	12	100				98	12	50	15.00	45.00
LIMINGTON,													
Rev. A. H. Johnson	July 1, 1867	12	125	12	100	2		2	80	25	120		15.00
LINCOLN,													
E. R. Drake	Mar. 26, 1868	2½	88	2½	100				*28	40	70	33.00	
LITCHFIELD,													
Rev. J. T. Hawes	July 1, 1867	12	100	12	125	1	1	2	66	30	90	25.73	76.00
LOVELL,					100								
Rev. Jos. Smith	July 1, 1867	12	125	9½	80	2	2	1	135		110	20.00	25.00
MADISON,													
Rev. T. G. Mitchell	July 1, 1867	12	125		100		2	2	73	12	140		
MADISON, EAST,													
Rev. G. W. Hathaway	Dec. 1, 1867	7	88		75				14		80		
MECHANIC FALLS,				100	5½	100	1	1	*28				
OXFORD,				100	9½	60	2	2	*40	15	60		
E. F. Borchers	July 1, 1867	12											
MINOT, WEST,													
Rev. H. Ilsley	July 1, 1867	12	100	9	125				55		100		
MONMOUTH,													
Students	July 1, 1867	12½	75	12½	150			2	22	75	70	20.00	
SOMESVILLE[Mt. Des'rt													
H. Bumstead	Mar. 26, 1868	2	64	2	85		4		90	60	48	16.66	
NEWFIELD, WEST,													
Rev. G. S. Kemp	July 1, 1867	12	150	12	100				46	12	70	20.00	26.00
NEW VINEYARD,					55		2		27		40		
WEST'S MILLS,					100			1			55		
Rev. J. Lawrence	July 1, 1867	12	250	12									
OLDTOWN,													
Rev. H. A. Shorey	July 1, 1867	12	500	12	145	30	3	4	54	30	125	50.00	100.00
ORONO,													
Rev. S. Baker	July 1, 1867	12	100	12	150	12	3		50	30	325	25.00	124.00
PATTEN,					125				58		66		
SHERMAN,					80				52		125		
ISLAND FALLS,					60				19		40		
N. H. Bell	Aug. 1, 1867	3	104	3									
Rev. W. T. Sleeper	July 1, 1867	12	400	12									
PITTSTON,													
F. G. Clark	Aug. 1, 1867	1½	48	1½	92				33	53	39	8.00	

*Taken from Minutes of Conference, 1867.

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57. PLYMOUTH,		...	.....	.....	40	...	...	...	10	...	85	$ 6.25	.....
ST. ALBANS,		...	.....	.....	80	...	...	...	30	8	95	10.95	.....
Rev. W. S. Sewall	July	1, 1867	12	200	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....
58. PORTLAND, 4th church,													
Rev. J. W. C. Pennington	July	1, 1867	12	200	12	100	...	...	23	...	54	.....	.....
59. PRESQUE ISLE,		...	.....	.....	50	...	...	4	11	10	35	5.00	8.00
FORT FAIRFIELD,		...	.....	.....	75	20	...	...	13	10	50	.....	.....
CARIBOO,		...	.....	.....	75	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Rev. F. D. Austin	July	1, 1867	12	404	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
60. PRINCETON,													
J. E. Pierce	Aug.	1, 1867	8½	120	8½	125	...	...	25	15	100	54.00	.....
61. ROCKPORT,													
Rev. A. J. Smith	July	1, 1867	12	200	12	75	...	...	32	8	50	.....	.....
62. ROLLING MILLS,													
D. A. Evans	May	22, 1868	1½	48	1½	65	...	1	...	20	...	60	.....
63. SANFORD, SOUTH,													
I. S. Bane	July	1, 1867	1½	56	1½	138	8	9	...	33	35	110	10.00
Rev. N. T. Blakeslee	Mar.	26, 1868	2	64	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	134.00
64. SOUTH SOLON,													
Rev. Charles Bean	July	1, 1867	12½	60	8	75	...	...	...	14	20	50	.....
65. STANDISH,													
Rev. S. Hopkins	July	1, 1867	12	150	12	75	...	...	...	52	...	34	.....
66. STRONG,													
Rev. J. L. Pratt	July	1, 1867	12	150	12	110	...	...	...	119	...	100	.....
67. SUMNER,													
Rev. A. Maxwell	July	1, 1867	12	150	7	65	...	...	1	96	20	70	62.00	20.00
68. SWEDEN,													
W. Woodbury	Aug.	1, 1867	3	96	3	84	...	7	...	61	12	80	94.00	.....
69. TEMPLE,													
Rev. S. Hackett	July	12, 1867	12	125	12	100	7	5	...	58	40	100	15.00	15.50
70. UNION,													
Rev. F. V. Norcross	July	1, 1867	12	175	12	150	4	...	...	75	25	135	20.00	41.00
71. VASSALBORO',													
Rev. Thomas Adams	July	1, 1867	12	150	12	80	1	...	...	39	...	89	10.25	23.90
72. VASSALBORO', NORTH,													
Rev J. Dinsmore	July	1, 1867	12½	75	12½	100	12	4	...	11	13	*200	12.00	30.00
73. VEAZIE,													
W. F. Ober	July	1, 1867	12	70	12	140	...	...	...	64	...	90	.....	.....
74. WATERFORD, NORTH,													
Rev. J. Kyte	July	1, 1867	12	150	....	150	...	...	1	75	....	120	22.00	78 00
75. WELD,													
E. Hamlin	July	1, 1867	2½	50	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
T. J. Valentine	Feb.	1, 1868	1½	48	....	125	...	...	...	65	15	100	31.00	17.00
76. WHITING,													
E. G. Smith	Aug.	1, 1867	8	96	3	100	...	...	...	13	50	75	32.00	.....
77. WILTON,													
Rev. J. Burnham	July	1, 1867	12	175	12	125	4	6	4	89	40	80	24.00	72.00
78. WINDHAM,													
Rev. L. Wiswall	July	1, 1867	12	100	12	125	7	2	...	58	10	100	25.24	5.00
79. WOOLWICH,													
Rev. H. O. Thayer	Sept.	12, 1867	9.6	80	9.6	125	...	...	...	95	..	80	.....	.....
80. SANFORD,													
H. S. Shapleigh	Aug.	1, 1867	1½	48	1½	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
D. M. Breckenridge	Mar.	26, 1868	2	64	1½	95	...	...	...	56	40	35	36 00	.....
81. VICINITY OF WELD,													
Rev. S. Titcomb	July	1, 1867	12	175	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
82. UPTON,													
Rev. D. Garland			...	56	1½	...	...	...	...	14	...	*	.....	.....

*Union school.

REMARKS.

1. This church is still a feeble band, and has had but little preaching the past year. A young man from Andover spent six weeks with them in the spring. He found the church low, and somewhat divided—prayer meetings were suspended. Still, he found some earnest, working christians in the church. When he left, the hope was entertained of obtaining the stated labors of the Rev. Mr. Norwood, late of Phipsburg; but this hope has not been realized. They have a parsonage, and can raise about two hundred dollars for a year's preaching. If ministers could live as cheap as in the early settlement of the country, they might hope, with a little aid, to enjoy the stated means of grace. At present the prospects are dark.

2. This church suffers from the same cause which afflicts many of our rural churches—the emigration of its members, and other supporters of christian ordinances. This keeps them feeble. They have a flourishing Sabbath school, almost as large as the congregation. Public worship and prayer meetings are well sustained. "I have been anxious," says the missionary "about some of the younger families as to their course, but they are turning the right way. There is much harmony with the people—they hear and love the truth. The season is opening with hope and promise, and feeling as I do in view of the prospects, I think with a lighter heart I can attempt the commencement of another missionary year." With our missionary brother it has been a year of personal and family affliction—sore diseases have fallen upon them—but mercies have been mixed in their cup. The effective sympathy of christian friends near at hand and afar off has ministered to their wants, and called forth the lively gratitude of their hearts.

3. Our missionary represents the condition of the church at Alna, as increasingly hopeful and encouraging.

4. This church has had some reviving the past year. Two young men from the Seminary performed short missions there, and in December their former pastor, Rev. H. S. Loring, resumed labors with them under hopeful circumstances. A gentle refreshing has been granted and several conversions are reported. There is prospect of some enlargement of the membership.

5. Mr. Jordan left Andover at the close of the first quarter of the missionary year. Mr. H. B. Fry commenced laboring with this Church, in February. No other very special change seems to have come over them.

6. Mr. Plumer has continued to spread his labors over this large field, nor has he labored in vain. In S. Anson he has received seventeen to the church, the fruit of the revival of the last year, and four to the church in Industry. In North New Portland there is no church; but a field of labor somewhat hopeful. At his three preaching places the gospel has been preached to nearly three hundred people. Although the field is laborious, and requires self-denial, fruit has been garnered for heaven. It is to be hoped that the brother will still continue to endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

7. This new church has been supplied half the time, and its prospects are encouraging.

8. A short mission was here performed in the early part of the missionary year, by a young man from Andover. The field is hopeful if a suitable man could be obtained to cultivate it.

9. Mr. Richardson preaches two-thirds of the time at the church, and one-third at the Pool. He thus urges the claims of God upon more than two hundred people. The attention to religious ordinances is encouraging, although no special success has attended the preaching of the gospel.

10. Mr. Thayer was commissioned to labor in this field during the year; but having a call to labor in another field, he left in September, and was soon succeeded by Mr. Deering, who had labored there in previous years. His health has become so seriously impaired that he has been obliged to suspend preaching for the present. Still, God has smiled on this field—the Spirit has been poured upon it, especially upon the church in Bingham. Twenty-two hopeful conversions have been reported, and twelve have been admitted to the church. In Solon, more than usual interest was awakened, yet only a very small number give evidence of that great change which fits men for the kingdom of God. It is now a time of affliction with these little churches. Their beloved minister is unable to preach, nor is it easy to find one to fill his place. They are commended to the sympathy and prayers of their sister churches.

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12. Our missionary gives no flattering account of the prospects of this church. The gloom of decline gathers upon it. What life remains is a feeble life. Mr. Pearson labored one-fourth of the time in Washington, and one-fourth in Bremen, though he was commissioned only for Bristol.

13. No special changes—a few hopeful conversions, but the whole number of members three less than were reported last year.

14. A year of quietness and comfort to this Church. Three hopeful conversions—four added to the church, just keeping the number good. "We have lived in peace. Our people work together."

15. While our missionary has labored some with three Churches, his principal efforts have been put forth in Brownfield—forty-four Sabbaths of the year having been spent with that church and people. He seems there to have labored abundantly; nor has he labored in vain. God has wrought with him, and some twenty hopeful conversions are reported. "A gratifying change has taken place here within a year." The congregation is enlarged. Social meetings and Sabbath schools are vigorously sustained—a Female Cent Society is in operation—ladies are clothing the poor that they may attend church and the Sabbath school. A purer morality prevails, and the blessing of God rests on the place.

16. A short mission was performed with this church by Mr. Hutchinson, of the Seminary. He was well received, and he represents the field as hopeful, provided they could have a pastor. More recent intelligence represents the state of affairs as characterized by very distinct lights and shadows. "Sundry young people *converted* are looking for a *home*. A very interesting Sabbath school contains a considerable number apparently requiring but little of the proper influence to bring them into the fold." Three hundred dollars are subscribed for preaching, and more may be obtained. Over those lights is cast the terrible shadow of a divided church, where bitter alienations, and evil speaking prevail. They should ponder well the letter to the Ephesian church, and by repentance, and restored harmony prepare the way for strengthening the things that remain and are ready to die.

17. The Rev. C. C. Parker, principal of the Gorham Seminary, has supplied this church forty Sabbaths, beginning June, 1867. He represents the church as united, and faithful, and happy. "I have never known a church where mutual love was stronger, or the christian temper better. The work of Mr. Cressey was not in vain. Few churches are more worthy of aid." They are feeble and need aid.

18. Ellingwood's Corner is a neighborhood, on the borders of two towns, Winterport and Hampden, several miles back from the river. No Congregational church, and it is supposed no church of any name, exists there; but it is an open and needy neighborhood, desirous of preaching. Here, a congregation of seventy-five, and a Sabbath school of sixty were favored with the labors of a missionary half the time for a few months.

At Upper Stillwater the church has been so much reduced by emigration as to become very feeble. They worship in a union house and have borne a portion of the expense of a new organ, and some repairs of the house.

19. Mr. Tewksbury was commissioned for three months to labor at Casco and Naples, and then for the remaining nine months of the year, at Casco half of the time. The Congregationalists in Naples have hitherto owned a house of worship in common with the Baptists, but the past year have come into sole possession by purchase. Whether they have had any preaching since the first three months of the year the trustees are not informed.

20. This little church and those associated with them have, with aid from

abroad, rebuilt a house of worship purchased of the Baptist brethren, and built a vestry, and entered upon their occupancy. They have found it very hard to accomplish all this, and will need missionary aid at least another year. Some tokens of the Divine favor have been shown them, and the future is bright with promise. What has already been accomplished illustrates the capacity of a united and determined people, although neither numerous nor wealthy.

21. This place has bee none of the favored spots of Zion the past year. The Holy spirit has been poured upon it in connection with the labors of J. U. Parsons, and twenty-four hopeful conversions have been reported, and twenty-one added to the church, by profession. This little church has been distinguished for efforts to help itself and has therefore been helped of God.

22. Three hopeful conversions are here reported, and eight additions to the church. The missionary writes: "There has been a perceptible improvement the past year in almost every department of religious enterprise."

23. This church has had, so far as is known, but seven Sabbaths' preaching of our own denomination during the year. Good attendance and high appreciation of the privileges were apparent.

24. Mr. Kimball was ordained to the pastoral care of this church soon after completing his course of study at the Bangor Seminary. A large appropriation is made for the support of Congregational preaching, on account of the importance of the place. Dexter is a rising town of large business, and wide influence: and notwithstanding our church there is feeble, it has seemed to the Trustees important that our polity and faith should there be maintained. We trust their future prevalence and utility will illustrate and justify the wisdom of the course pursued.

25.

26. Mr. Morrison, of the Andover Seminary, performed a most acceptable mission of ten weeks in Durham. Seven by profession and five by letter were added to the church. Since then, the church has engaged Mr. Shattuck as permanent supply. There is hope that this church, respecting which much despondency has been felt, may yet see brighter days.

27. The state of things has here undergone very little change the past year.

29. Mr. Beard was ordained as an Evangelist, Nov 19, 1867, and has continued his labors at Freedom with brightening prospects. It is important that this post be maintained, as it is a rural centre and place of considerable business, exerting a strong influence in the surrounding region. The labors of our missionary are gaining increasing respect for gospel truth and ordinances as preached and administered according to Congregational faith and usage. One soul has been won, and gathered into the church.

30. The state of this church is much as it was the last year—no additions—some deaths, and some removals—darkening somewhat the prospect of becoming self-supporting. Still the church is steadfast in the faith, and

generally faithful in the duties of the christian life. Two are propounded for admission to its communion. Nearly a thousand dollars are voted to repair their house of worship the present season. The benefits of a permanent ministry are clearly seen in the state of society.

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32. No very important changes have transpired in the field to which Mr Perry was commissioned. It is a hard field requiring much of the labor of love, the courage of faith, and the patience of hope. After the removal of Mr. Loring from Monson, Mr. Perry supplied that church half the time.

33. The church in Hampden has been favored with a gentle refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Twenty hopeful conversions are reported. As is common, and as might reasonably be expected, the converts are such as have heretofore been attached to the society, and been found in the house of God on the Sabbath. Converting grace is not indeed limited exclusively to those who are constant hearers of the word, and yet it is an impressive fact, that very few others are ordinarily gathered into the fold of Christ. Neglecters and contemners of a preached gospel are generally permitted to walk in their chosen way till the redemption of their soul ceases forever. Hence large accesssions to a church frequently add little to its pecuniary strength, or its ability to support religious ordinances. The church in Hampden still needs aid.

34. Mr. Deering was commissioned to labor the full year with this church; but after three months removed to Solon. Since then they have been supplied somewhat from Bangor—have also enjoyed the labors of Mr. Parsons, and been blessed with a precious revival.

35. Mr. Eaton has labored on this outermost Isle of the Sea most of the time since the autumn of 1851. He has seen a church organized, a house of worship erected, and has preached the gospel to many hundreds of seamen, who often find a harbor there in the fishing season. He has withdrawn from the Island for the present, perhaps permanently. He leaves a little feeble church, mostly females, needing the fostering care of the Missionary Society, and sister churches.

Mr. Eaton has labored several weeks with the Sedgwick and Brooksville Church, situated mostly in Brooksville, where there is awakened a strong desire to enjoy the stated ordinances of religion.

This church was organized in Sedgwick, 1793, and enjoyed the pastoral care of the Rev. Daniel Merrill for some 12 or 14 years. in the early part of this century a change came over his denominational views, and he joined the Baptists, and carried the majority of his church with him, retaining the same pulpit and house of worship he had occupied as a Congregationalist. A remnant of the church was left, living mostly in that part of the town subsequently incorporated, with parts of two other towns, into the town of Brooksville. This church enjoyed the pastoral care of the Rev. Manning Ellis, many years. Since his death it has been largely destitute of stated

preaching. They deeply feel their need of pastoral care, and are moving to raise the means of procuring preaching. Circumstances favor the movement. A large Baptist church once existing there is wholly extinct. The house of worship they once occupied is now open to the Congregationalists. A suitable man located there, dividing his time between the two houses, might hope to build the old wastes, and raise up the former desolations.

36. The church in Kenduskeag remains feeble. They are making efforts to repair their house of worship.

At Monroe there is no Congregational church. Other denominations had occupied the place, but religious interests had so declined, that the place was virtually destitute. Self-moved, the people sought a supply from the Seminary at Bangor. To aid the movement a mission of three months was granted Mr. Dingwell, to be equally divided between this place and Kenduskeag. An afflictive providence has removed by death the most active agent in this new enterprise at Monroe, and there may be but a dim prospect that any permanent results will follow.

37. This church is mostly, if not quite, able to support the gospel without missionary aid; and is desirous of settling a pastor. They paid the entire expense of the short mission sent them. During the year they employed a preacher several months.

38. Mr. Ellis left Kittery the middle of April, and removed to R. Island, and this ancient church, now more than eight score years old, feeble and dependent, is looking for another minister, and asks aid in its support.

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40. This church, long self-sustaining, has been so reduced by emigration as to need aid.

41. No special change.

42. Mr. Drake, of Andover Seminary, performed a mission here of nine weeks; had an encouraging attendance on his ministrations. But emigration has so weakened the church that there is but a dim prospect of their enjoying the stated means of grace, unless they can unite with some other church in the support of a minister. A fine flourishing Sabbath school is their most hopeful sign.

43. Prayer meetings and Sabbath Schools full of life and promise. This church, formed of "Bible Christians," fifty-seven years ago, more distinguished for spiritual than pecuniary strength, bids fair to live, and be a light and blessing to other generations.

44. Mr. Smith, the pastor of this Church, retired from this field in April, not intending to resume labors there. He has here performed much labor, and reaped much fruit, but continual emigration leaves them still in need of aid. They are in search of another minister.

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47. These churches have enjoyed the labors of Mr. Borchers, each half

me—one of them for nearly six months, the other nearly nine. Three l conversions are reported. Feebleness and dependence still charac- them—but not to an extent to justify despondence and discour- ent.

Mr. Ilsley has left this place and moved to South Freeport, having three quarters of the missionary year at W. Minot, and then leaving destitute and sad. Weighty reasons urged the change.

A student from Andover taught the Academy in Monmouth, eached very acceptably to the people on the Sabbath. The condition church is represented as hopeful.

Somesville is the name of a village in the town of Mt. Desert—is a of considerable business and wealth. Some members of the church of nt and Mt. Desert reside here. Several short missions have been per- l within a few years. Our missionaries have been kindly received, me have been gathered into the church. Should the Spirit be poured he place so that the wealth, and enterprise of the people should be en- for the support of Divine ordinances, Somesville might become nter of a flourishing religious establishment.

No marked changes.

The Missionary writes hopefully, although no special results are cd.

April, 1865, the Congregational house of worship in Old Town was yed by fire. The work of rebuilding was undertaken under the most raging circumstances. A large part of the means must come from the f charity abroad. Dependence was almost entire on the efforts of two ers. One of these soon died. Still the work went on, and in March, beautiful and convenient house, free from debt, was dedicated to the e of Almighty God. Since then, a bell has been added at an expense 0.

Shorey commenced laboring with this church in July last, and en greatly blessed of God. Old divisions in the church have been —the congregation and Sabbath school nearly doubled—several to the church—some thirty hopeful conversions, and the prospect of and self-support exceedingly encouraging.

Brighter days have dawned upon this church. They no longer ask aid Missionary Society. Self-moved they have voted to assume the entire e of religious ordinances, and have invited our missionary, Mr. Baker, nstalled as their pastor, offering to increase his salary to one thousand They have made an outlay upon their house of worship of about remodeling and refurnishing it, and providing a commodious and l vestry. Some dozen hopeful conversions are reported—the congre- rgely increased. Several S. Schools, numbering some 350 individu- prously sustained. Probably in all its past history the prospects

of this church for accomplishing its high mission was never so full of promise. Mr. Baker is to be installed in a few weeks.

55. The people of Sherman, aided by their minister, have built a parsonage, and Mr. Sleeper has removed from Patten into this house. A subscription is also made for a house of worship soon to be erected. The effect of this movement so full of promise to Sherman, is unhappy in its influence upon Patten, and interrupts Mr. Sleeper's labors there. At present he supplies only the two churches in Sherman and Island Falls. It is devoutly to be desired that differences may be harmonized so as to restore his useful labors to their former channels.

56. A short mission of six weeks furnished all the preaching this church has enjoyed so far as is known to the Trustees.

57. A hard and unproductive field. Our missionary brother needs the faith of Abraham, the courage of Peter, and the enterprise of Paul.

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59. Our missionary preached in three places—Presque Isle half the time, Fort Fairfield and Cariboo one-fourth each. The Spirit has been poured upon the church and people in Fort Fairfield, and some precious fruit will be gathered into the church. "The work at the Fort has been wonderful—nothing equal to it in this region. The Holy Spirit breathed upon hundreds, and had it not been for that strange, unyielding disposition, all would have been led to Christ." Some sixty have hope in the different denominations. It is thought some 25 or 30 will join the Congregational church by letter and profession.

The Rev. F. D. Austin, a stranger in the State, volunteered, at our last anniversary, to leave the cultivated fields of Massachusetts, and try his hand at the work of missions in northern Maine. He has made him a home among the people, and already have they seen a new meaning in the prophet's glowing language, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth gook tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, 'Thy God reigneth.'" "The wilderness and the solitary place" have been made glad, "and the desert is" beginning to "blossom as the rose."

60. This church has enjoyed missionary labor between three and four months. No special change has occurred. Pastoral care is much needed.

61. Mr. Smith, for want of success, is resolved on leaving this field for some one more hopeful.

62. This is a new station just out of Portland, on the borders of Cape Elizabeth. A small community composed mostly of Welshmen are employed at the Rolling Mills. In their native land they were accustomed to Congregational worship. Learning that one of their countrymen had become a member of Yale Theological Seminary they applied to him to come and preach to them. They had not heard a sermon in their mother tongue

ming to the settlement. This young man visited them and preached th or two, last December. The way was thus prepared for him to nd spend a long vacation with them, the people whom he serves half the expense of the mission besides boarding him. He has an organization which he calls a church, and regular service is now ned. Your Secretary visited the place, and made such inquiries as ed him that it was an interesting settlement of religious people, sus- a prayer meeting and Sabbath school even when destitute of ng. Prof. Day, of Yale Seminary, expresses full confidence in the d soundness of the Missionary.

This church has had fifteen weeks of missionary labor the past nine added to their number, and have shown a laudable spirit in as- a large part of the expense incurred.

Our Missionary at this station was commissioned to labor here half e through the year—but on account of the failure of his health was supply the church but eight months. For this service he declines to any pay from our treasury. For this marked liberality he deserves, s our thanks. The church at S. Solon is a feeble band, still needing nd culture.

Mr. Maxwell has been dismissed from Sumner, and the church is now te. No other marked changes have occurred. They are endeavoring another pastor to go in and out before them.

To one of her own sons was granted a mission of three months to rith this church. He performed the mission to the satisfaction of his place. Seven were added to the church. But so many emigrate that this church can unite with some other in the support of a minister, n have preaching only a part of the time.

Seven conversions are reported, and five additions to the church by ion. The missionary writes: "We have completely renovated our edifice at an expense of $3000—$2000 of which, in our poverty, we nade out ourselves. Our people are so well satisfied with it, and nfortable while worshipping in it that our Sabbath congregation was s large in the winter as ever before in the summer." The hope is ex- l of becoming a self-supporting church and society.

"Dews of Divine grace have descended upon our neighborhood, and ave their hearts to Christ. All religious meetings have been well ed. The S. School is larger than ever before, and the condition of rch is healthy and prosperous."

The picture our venerable missionary gives of this place is sadly pain- drawn too minutely to be here given. Unless Divine power and [redacted] and powerfully displayed, it seems inevitable that utter deso-

lation must here prevail. Still this aged servant toils on with the "patience of hope."

72. Here there is much encouragement—a dozen conversions—four added to the church—a large number in S. School, and a weekly Bible Class. The missionary is much encouraged, and his labors are cheered and sustained with hope.

73.

74. Mr. Kyte has left this field, and is about to commence labor with the church in Stockton, and the E. church in Searsport. The church he left has secured the services of another man. No other marked changes.

75. Three and three-fourth months of missionary labor were performed in this place by two young men, one from Union Seminary, and one from Andover. Their ministrations were attended with pleasing interest. Had either of them been permitted long to remain, the prospect of usefulness would have been bright. They are in want of a pastor, and like many other churches they find more difficulty in settling a minister than in dismissing one.

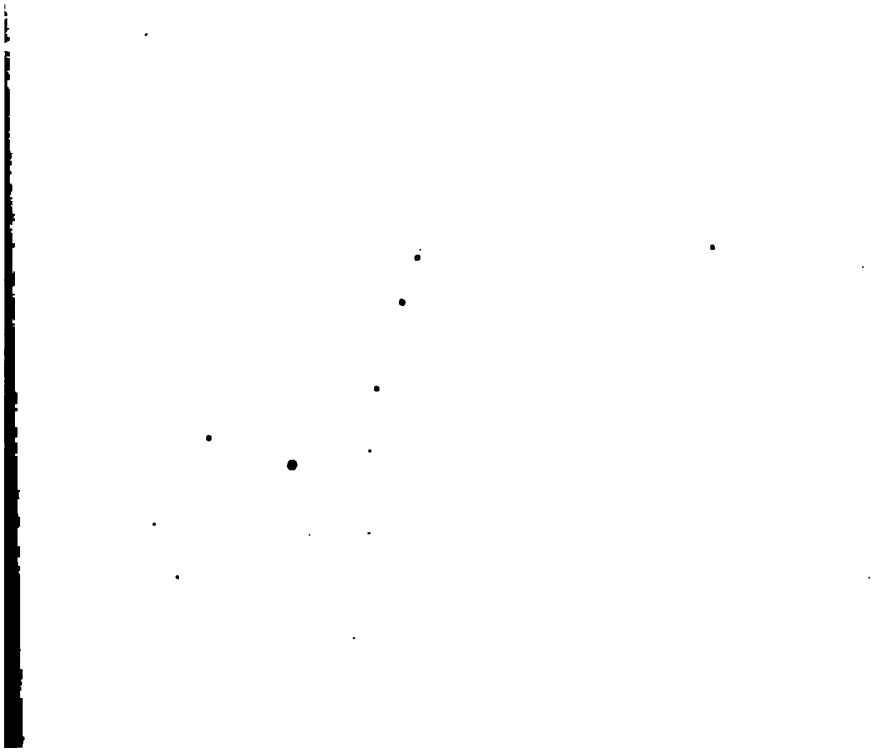
76. A three months' mission has been granted this little church. If some suitable man could be stationed permanently, there would be hope of growth and enlargement. The people received the word with gladness.

77. There is a decided improvement in the condition of this church. The congregation has increased—four conversions and ten additions. "Peace, harmony, and interest in the S. School and the cause of temperance—repairs in the church, &c." Our missionary, though on the shady side of seventy, and living in an adjoining town, reports 52 Sabbaths of missionary service. He preaches twice on the Sabbath, hears a class in the S. School, and conducts an evening service and a weekly prayer meeting. The people desire a continuance of his services. "They shall still bring forth fruit in old age."

78. This field requires the patience of hope. But there are rays of light shining upon it sufficient to keep hope alive, and to warrant further labor upon it. Sound hopeful conversions have occurred.

79. Mr. Packard having removed to Waldoboro', Mr. Thayer was invited to succeed him, and he left Solon and commenced labor in Woolwich, in September. Here he preaches in two houses, both congregations amounting to a little less than 200. Eight added to the church—one house shingled and painted. Week of prayer observed with deep interest. A comfortable and hopeful state of things.

80. Three and one-fourth months of missionary labor here. At present there seems no bright prospect for this church except on condition that the two churches in this town unite in the support of one minister, giving to each half his services. This matter is commended to their earnest and prayerful consideration.



SUMMARY.

While the appropriations to the Churches the past year have been very nearly the same in amount as those of the previous years, the number of missionaries employed has been ten less. There have been more than a usual number of large appropriations, which consumed the funds committed to the Trustees without employing as many laborers in the field. In some strong strategic points where churches are very feeble, it has been deemed wise to make large outlays for their support, confident that in due time their influence will be most important to the cause of truth. Of the eighty-six missionaries in the service of the society the past year, fifty-seven are ordained ministers. Most of the residue are students, who have performed short missions in their vacations. Forty-seven have labored through the year—twelve, from six to eleven months—eleven, between three to six months—and seventeen, under three months. The aggregate amount of their labor is fifty-nine years and nine months—quite as much as the aggregate of the previous years—more having had missions extending through the entire year. These labors have been expended upon ninety-three churches and the communities in which they are located, and eight places where there are no Congregational churches, even if there are churches of any name. The aggregate average of the congregations ministered unto, is nine thousand five hundred and thirty-seven.

The number of hopeful conversions reported is two hundred and forty-six. Additions to the church by profession, one hundred and forty-six—by letter, fifty-three,—in all, one hundred and ninety-nine. Total membership of the churches assisted, four thousand three hundred and forty-six; number in the Sabbath schools, 6978.

The amount of Charitable contributions for religious purposes, $2755.05, of which $1413.28 were for Maine Missionary Society.

Some eight or nine houses of worship have been repaired—some of them at great expense, making them as convenient and inviting as if newly built. Improvements of this kind have been unusually numerous, and extensive.

Such are some of the visible results of our missionary operations the past year. They are sufficient to call forth our gratitude to God, and to encourage us to press forward in this noble work. There is however an *unwritten* history of these results—except in the book of God's remembrance—far more impressive and thrilling than human pen can describe. What eye, but that

he omniscient God, can behold the deep emotions, the heart-longings of
who, from love to souls, turns away from the inviting fields of Zion, and
ies the gospel to the poor, and wears away life in labors to win them to
ist? God's hidden ones are scattered through every missionary field.
ing looked and prayed for some man of God to break unto them and
r children the bread of life, until hope deferred has made the heart sick,
pen but that of the recording angel, can depict the joy they feel, when
een, approaching upon the mountains, the feet of him that bringeth good
gs? Said a good lady in one of our outposts, in a recent letter to your
etary, "We feel that few as we are, and only women, except Mr. ——,
ould do something for the blessed Saviour if he should see fit to send
Shepherd to go in and out before us. We are few indeed, but among
ere is strength of character, and some means, and we do believe *vital*
. One of our number remarked this morning, that she would cheerfully
boarders, and dress in calico all her life for the sake of a good minister
r own." No worldly joy can equal that of such disciples when God an-
s their prayers by sending them a pastor to watch for souls. When God
s on the labors of our missionaries, and permits them to preach the gos-
with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven, scenes are enacted on
h the angels look with joy. The unwritten history of such scenes—the
il of souls—the transition state, when one passes from the kingdom of
ness into the kingdom of God's own Son—the bursting of the cerements
iritual death, and rising to a new life—*this* transcends immeasurably
terest and moment, all our statistics of success. Only as the light of
ity shall scatter the darkness of earth will be fully appreciated the sub-
results of our humble operations.

ll fruits may *here be seen* fully demonstrating the wisdom and utility of
e missions. In the little town of Dedham a church was organized De-
er, 1841, consisting of eleven members. It was in a small rural settle-
having no rapid growth. The additions since then have been more
eight hundred per cent. Three times their original numbers have gone
rom them by death and dismission; yet their net gain has been more than
hundred per cent. They have representatives in California, in the
ern States, and in several cities and large towns in New England. The
ch has ever been dependent in no small degree on the M. M. Society.
nnot now sustain constantly the ordinances of the gospel without its
ring care. While large accessions have the past year been made to its
bership, still recent removals leave them pecuniarily weaker than they
ten years ago. Yet obviously has this church already performed
t important work. One evidence of its vitality is seen in the fact that
been a giving church. The first year of its history it contributed to
Missions $5.75—to Foreign, $7.25; the present year for Home Mis-
r Foreign $40. During its history it has given for both these ob-

What is true of this church is substantially true of other mission churches. They are seedplots in Zion on which the plants of righteousness are grown for other communities. Or to change the figure, they are recruiting stations, at which recruits are enlisted for the army of the great King. They are annually sent forth to do battle against the serried hosts of sin and satan. In the large cities of the country—scattered through the great states of the west—on the Pacific shores,—and in foreign lands, are found the sons and daughters of Maine, many of them trained in our mission churches, doing good service in the cause of truth and salvation. We will therefore neither faint nor be discouraged.

FINANCES.

From the treasurer's report it appears that the receipts of the society the past year, including the balance on hand at the time of the last annual report, of $2189.72,—are $14,361.52.

As compared with the previous year this is against us to the amount of $2407.60. Yet the annual contributions for the churches have exceeded those of last year. The falling off must have been in some of the irregular sources of income.

A system of Female Cent Societies, auxiliary to the M. M. Society, has been inagurated, and a hopeful beginning has been made. $418.14 have been received, and more is coming at this meeting. Let it be adopted generally, as it may be by a little pastoral care, and it will become a source of revenue largely augmenting the resources of this society. The hills and valleys of earth are not refreshed and made fruitful by the bursting of water spouts, but by the gently distilling showers. They come drop by drop, drop by drop, till fields, and provinces, and continents are watered and fructified. By a similar process we should aim to gather resources for the spread of the gospel. The contributions should be gathered from the multitude. The rich compose a very small portion of the community. For their large donations, (would to God they were greatly multiplied), we would be devoutly thankful—but to make these our principal reliance would be a grave error. On the multitude whose means are moderate, or small even, we must mainly rely. All should be taught to give—taught it as a duty and a privilege. The christian women of the state might with perfect ease pour into our treasury, through the medium of Cent Societies, five or six thousand dollars annually; and then the more wealthy among them might add besides, their liberal donations. In one of our mission churches,* containing but little more than thirty members, and able to have preaching less than half the time, the good sisters formed a Cent Society, and recently they have paid

*That at South Sanford.

into our treasury thirty-two dollars. Let all our churches do equally well, and our treasury would overflow, so as to help other portions of the land.

A pleasant way to provide for the *future* wants of the society is, for those who must soon leave their property, but who have friends who may need its income for a season, to leave it as a legacy to the society, with this condition; that its income shall be appropriated to such designated friends while they live; after which, it shall be used by the society in the accomplishment of its work of beneficence. It is already put in trust of some funds thus conditioned. Why may they not be greatly increased, and thus be made to bless the world, long after their present owners have gone to their reward? This matter is commended to the prayerful consideration of those whom God has made the stewards of large possessions.

That larger means *might* and *ought* to be employed in this work of missions in Maine, no one need doubt. What is to become of our feeble churches unless a more liberal policy is inaugurated? It is impossible to sustain the means of grace without more expense than in former years. Ministers cannot now support families as they could when most of the staples of life were at half their present prices. Then the munificent salaries which some of the wealthy churches are paying, are fitted to produce dissatisfaction with the small stipends paid by most parishes. One of our veteran missionaries thus writes on this subject: "I do wish our *smart ministers* would discontinue the disgusting habit of parading their *big* salaries before the public in the newspapers. The impression upon the public mind is bad. It puts silly notions into the heads of our young men; for, as they of course think they are *smart as any body*, they think they must have as big salaries as any body. The tendency is to confine Congregationalism to our cities and villages, while the wide territory is given up to other influences, which we think are not so good. We need young men, who are willing to practice the self-denial that we pioneers were constrained to practice, and I think we were blest in doing it."

The question of a competent supply of able and devoted ministers in the future is assuming a grave aspect. Either a more competent support must be afforded, or the spring tide of piety must rise so high as to make self-denial and suffering less repugnant. Vast majorities of the pious graduates of our Colleges turn away from the sacred profession to some secular employment promising more ample remuneration. Unless there is a large increase of *pay* or *piety*, the scarcity of ministers will be felt more and more; and many fields lie waste for want of culture. Much and fervent prayer should ascend to the "Lord of the harvest that he would send forth more laborers into his harvest." We need—the world needs—a large company of young men so constrained by the love of Christ, and compassion for souls, that each shall feel, "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel." Such a company should go forth annually through the land and the world proclaiming the unsearchable riches of Christ, spending and being spent that they may save their fellow-sinners from the pains of the second death.

Another embarrassment in our enterprise is the difficulty of *retaining* ministers in Maine after they are fitted for their work. The spirit of emigration has fallen upon them as well as the members of the churches. Of those whose names are included in the catalogue of Congregational ministers published a year since, in the Minutes of the General Conference, not less than 25 or 26, besides the few who have died, are now beyond the limits of the state. For *some*, the old and cultivated fields of the Bay State and Connecticut have special attractions. Some seem fascinated by the broad prairies of the west. Added to all this it has been found that churches *out* of the state have sometimes been more prompt in effort, to obtain young men from our seminary than churches *in* the state, so that when the latter have thence sought for preachers, lo, it has been *too late*.

While we rejoice to bear a part in the work of evangelizing the great west—the seat of national empire—while we are glad to have representatives of the men trained and the theology taught in our seminary, scattered through the older states, the draft upon us is so heavy that we find it impossible to keep even our self-supporting churches supplied—especially is it impossible to find a sufficient number of suitable men willing to go into our mission fields. *Maine cannot be thoroughly evangelized unless more of her own sons are willing to give themselves to the work.*

Unless the churches at home are cared for, and are rendered fruitful by wise and faithful culture, they can do little or nothing for the field abroad. Dead churches impart no life to others. Dry fountains send forth no living streams. Let the churches at home be kept vigorous and flourishing, and their vitalizing power will be felt far and wide.

Fifty-six houses of worship have been completed; 106 repaired; and 38 others are in process of erection.

Eighty-five churches report revivals of religion; and 392 missionaries report 3,296 hopeful conversions.

The additions to the churches, as nearly as can be ascertained, have been 6,214; viz., 3,543 on profession, and 2,671 by letter.

Receipts—$217,577.25: Expenditures—$254,668.65: leaving $14,347.71 still due to missionaries for labor performed.

"Grateful evidences," says the report, "of the progress of our work, of its vitalizing power, and its permanent results, are seen in the organization of churches, in the building and repairing of houses of worship, in the increased provision for the support of the ministry, in the appointments for preaching in out-lying districts, in the establishment of mission Sabbath schools, in efforts to bring the neglecters of public worship within the reach of the gospel, and in the effusion of the spirit, by which these labors of faith and love have been blessed to the conversion of souls, the promotion of temperance, education, social order, and whatever is lovely and of good report among men."

It is a noble work which this society is accomplishing. Yet with all that,

this and other similar institutions are doing, it will be difficult, if not impossible, to keep pace with the advancing population of the country. Immigrants from the old world are flooding the land. They come annually by hundreds of thousands. Multitudes of them are more difficult to be brought under the restraining and sanctifying power of the gospel than the very heathen. Many of our own population, emigrating from the older states to the frontiers of civilization, become equally alienated from the gospel, and utterly reckless of God and eternity.

The church of God should wake more thoroughly to the exigencies of such a country; of such a population; or else instead of the relative gain of truth and righteousness, the refluent tide of infidelity and worldliness will invade the church, and diminish the light and power now emanating therefrom. Let the sacramental host of God's elect give full scope to the influence of the inspiring truth that they are not their own; that they are God's property—God's servants; bought with a price paid for no other beings in the universe, and then their moral power for accomplishing this high mission would be indefinitely augmented. Then their treasure, and time, and talent would be more fully and cheerfully consecrated. Their sons and daughters would be trained for service in the kingdom of God. Their treasure would be as freely appropriated for the advancement of this kingdom as hitherto it has been for private gratification. Their giving and toil would be accompanied with such prayers as would bring the blessing of God. Soon would prophetic vision be realized, and the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ.

In closing their annual report, the trustees would tender sincere thanks to the friends and patrons of the Maine Missionary Society, for the aid afforded them in their work. We are only the almoners of your bounty, which we have distributed among the feeble churches according to the wisdom given us. We are gratified that this cause is so dear to christian hearts—that the history of the past is a pledge that it will be cared for in the future.

Thanks are due those churches that, in addition to their direct contributions to the treasury of the Society, have ministered largely to the comfort of some of the needy families of our missionaries, by sending them valuable boxes of clothing. Several families have been made glad and thankful for the comfort thus ministered to them. The example of these churches is worthy of extensive imitation.

Thanks are also due to the Rev. D. D. Tappan, for two boxes of books to be distributed among our missionaries.

We this day close the sixty-first year of the society's labors, and enter upon the sixty-second. Who will live to see the next anniversary, is all unknown to us. Ours it is to work while the day lasts.

And who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?

TREASURER'S

Dr. JOSHUA MAXWELL IN ACCOUNT WITH

1867.

June 20.—To Balance in the Treasury, as settled June 22, 1867 ..... 2,189.72

RECEIVED FOR INCOME ON PERMANENT FUND, VIZ :

To dividends on Bank stocks	583.50	
" " on Manuf. Company Stock	100.00	
" " on Railroad Stock	9.00	
" " on United States Stock	171.39	
" " on Portland City Stock	114.00	
		977.89

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.

To Rev. Dr. Thurston for Preaching	325.00	
" Interest on Loan	30.00	
		355.00

LEGACIES.

To Annual Legacy of the late Mrs. S. W. Maxwell, Wells	6.00	
" Legacy of the late Mrs. Ellen Robinson, Thomaston	10.00	
" Legacy of Mrs. Sarah Lowell Williams, Augusta	1000.00	
" Legacy of Mrs. Narcissa B. Sherman, Waltham, Mass., ($100 less Gov. Tax).	94.00	
		1,110.00
From churches, collections, donations, annuities, life memberships, etc		9,728.91
		$14,361.52

EPORT.

MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY. *Cr.*

—By paid Missionaries on Trustees orders		11,852.66
" " Rev. S. Thurston, salary	1100.00	
" " B. Thurston & Co.'s Bills	321.91	
" " C. A. Lord's Bills	68.00	
" " on Sewall Fund, to Mrs. N. S. Bourne	204.75	
" " discount on Notes	23.63	
" " Treasurer, as per account rendered	64.61	
" balance in the Treasury this day, June 20, 1868	520.18	
		2,508.86
		$14,361.52

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e examined the above and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched, showing
in the hands of the Treasurer, of five hundred and twenty and 18-100 dollars, ($520.18.)

W. D. LITTLE, *by W. F. Little,*
H. M. PAYSON, *by Geo. F. Thurston,* } Auditors.

1868.

DONATIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE, 1868.

Aroostook Conference.

Lee	7 00	Lincoln	36 00
Presque Isle	5 00		
Burlington	25 00		$73 00

Cumberland Conference.

Brunswick	170 00	Minot	42 60
Auburn	169 00	Lewiston	106 25
West Minot	41 15	New Gloucester	2 00
West Auburn	80 62	Gray	36 60
Lisbon Falls	2 00	Windham	11 00
Gorham	150 25	Falmouth, 1st	63 00
Freeport	34 17	Durham	53 00
Portland, St. Lawrence Street Church	24 02	Baldwin	4 00
" 2d Church	143 50	Yarmouth, Central	125 00
" 31 Church	105 00	Saccarrappa	30 00
" High Street Church	551 50	Pownal	24 30
" State Street	622 03	Standish	17 00
" Union Female Missionary Soc.	54 00		
Mrs. Ann Bailey	25 00		$2,696 99

Franklin Conference.

Industry	9 25	Temple	11 25
New Vineyard	6 75	New Sharon	20 00
North New Portland	9 50	Farmington	95 00
Strong	6 25		
Weld	78 90		
Wilton	30 00		$266 90

Hancock Conference.

Castine	125 41	Amherst and Aurora	70 00
Bluehill	20 00	Tremont and Mt. Desert	93 36
Ellsworth	72 00	Brooksville	9 00
Bucksport	162 95	North Brooksville	9 68
Isle au Haut	4 00		
Deer Isle	80 90		
North Deer Isle	10 00		$607 30

Kennebec Conference.

Vassalboro'	10 20	Winslow	76 00
Winthrop	80 51	Litchfield	27 00
Gardiner	56 20	Augusta	332 02
Hallowell	188 83	Richmond	83 52
Monmouth	10 00	Fairfield	5 00
Clinton	11 50	Waterville	88 00
Pittston	12 00		
Benton	22 00		$902 79

Lincoln and Sagadahoc Conference.

Bath, Winter Street	740 51	Union	20 00
Bath, Central	119 16	Wiscasset	28 50
Rockland	44 00	Cushing	1 30
Topsham	46 75	Newcastle, 1st	7 25
Warren	35 00	Thomaston	10 00
Edgecomb	27 35	Washington	32 62
Waldoboro'	34 62		
Newcastle, 2d	71 15		
Alna	3 00		$1,221 30

Oxford Conference.

.....	85 00	Rumford.....	12 00
.....	13 25	Oxford.....	22 40
.....	82 79	Andover.....	21 00
.....	33 15		
.....	12 75		
.....	10 00		
			$242 34

Penobscot Conference.

.....	28 55	Plymouth.....	6 25
.....	20 00	Oldtown.....	12 00
.....	315 54	Dedham.....	45 00
ond Street.....	231 30	Holden.....	30 00
l.....	231 77	Orono.....	10 00
.....	79 25		
.....	43 50		
.....	12 50		
			$1,165 06

Piscataquis Conference.

.....	18 00	Garland.....	89 00
.....	16 50	Co. Conference.....	11 00
.....	15 16		
Guilford.....	17 00		
croft.....	12 00		
			$128 66

Somerset Conference.

.....	70 00	East Madison.....	17 00
.....	7 00	Mercer.....	9 25
.....	13 50	Skowhegan.....	5 00
.....	33 00		
.....	10 95		
			$165 70

Union Conference.

.....	20 00	Bridgton.....	23 00
.....	9 00	Hiram.....	5 00
.....	26 00	North Bridgton.....	12 00
.....	59 00	Fryeburg.....	43 50
.....	94 00	South Bridgton.....	13 25
.....	48 00	Casco.....	10 00
.....	5 00		
.....	5 00		
rd.....	25 25		
			$398 00

Waldo Conference.

.....	58 31	Stockton.....	39 52
.....	13 50	Jackson and Brooks.....	29 51
.....	104 50		
.....	90 25		
			$335 59

Washington Conference.

.....	65 00	St. Stephen.....	20 65
.....	102 50	Eastport.....	28 00
.....	3 43	Machiasport.....	10 00
.....	32 00	Co. Conference.....	20 00
.....	91 00		
.....	21 00		
			$398 58

York Conference.

.....	11 68	Buxton Centre.....	21 00
.....	154 90	South Berwick.....	189 51
.....	28 50	Pavilion Church, Biddeford.....	68 00
.....	27 00	Wells.....	16 00
.....	40 00	Limerick.....	1 00
.....	63 41	Kennebunk.....	136 95
.....	40 05	Acton.....	24 00
.....	15 50	Newfield.....	24 00
.....	18 00	South Sanford.....	74 00
Be.....	20 00		
.....	73 00		
.....	19 45		
			$1,059 95

[redacted] above table, is nine thousand six *hundred* and forty-seven dollars

and seventy-six cents, ($9,647 76.) This is $589 65 more than from the same sources the previo year.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

The object of the foregoing table is not to duplicate the Treasurer's report, but simply to sho what the churches of the several conferences do for missions at home. Delinquent church should take a hint from this exhibit.

☞ The failure of some of the Missionaries to make their annual returns, has made t statistical table incomplete. Some blanks are left unfilled. Some have been filled from the l year's report. To remind delinquent brethren of their duty, the following rule of the Truste adopted at their annual meeting, 1866, is here inserted:

"In view of the difficulty in obtaining prompt annual reports from the Missionaries, the follo ing *Standing Rule* was adopted, to wit:

The Missionary who makes his reports to the Secretary of the Society *quarterly*, shall be en tled to quarterly drafts on the Treasury. Those who report semi-annually, shall be entitled semi-anual drafts. Those who fail to render an annual report on or before the first of June, sh be considered as having *forfeited their claim to their last quarterly payment*, unless a sufficie excuse be rendered."

Churches asking aid, will notice the following vote, passed by the Trustees in 1867, to wit:

"That each church, assisted by the Maine Missionary Society, be required to make, while th assistance is continued, an annual contribution to its funds."

LIFE MEMBERS

RECOGNIZED SINCE LAST ANNUAL REPORT.

.....Alna	Joanna Gardner.....East Machias
n.....Alna	Dea. S. Robbinson.....East Sumner
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kin.....Bangor	Joseph Edgar.....Eastport
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wn.....Bangor	Charles F. Hale.....Ellsworth
.....Bangor	Georgianna P. B. Woods.....Farmington
y.....Bangor	George M. Gage.....Farmington
own.....Bangor	Sarah E. Sargent.....Farmington
binson.....Bangor	Lydia C. Webster.....Freeport
atten.....Bath	Isabella D. Godding.....Gardiner
.....Bath	Mary Lennan.....Gardiner
g.....Bath	Isaac A. Stanwood.....Gardiner
.....Bath	Mrs. Merrill.....Gardiner
er.....Bethel	Dea. Samuel Coan.....Garland
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chell.....Bethel	Mrs. Hutchinson.....Gray
ham.....Bethel	Anna Thurston Lincoln.....Hallowell
dson.....Biddeford	Charlotte H. Stetson.....Hampden
.....Biddeford	Elizabeth K. Crosby.....Hampden
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sey.....Brunswick	Samuel Moulton.....Newfield
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.....Brookline, Mass.	Jerold F. Walton.....Portland
.....Camden	Esther E. Higgins.....Portland
etson.....Camden	Naomi C. Buttrick.....Portland
.....Castine	Pamelia Warren.....Portland
.....Castine	Martha D. Woodbury.....Portland
ell.....Durham	Grace Woodbury.....Portland
.....East Orrington	Oliver M. Brooks.....Portland
.....East Machias	Emily L. Brooks.....Portland
.East Machias	*Stephen L.* Peabody.....Princeton

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Miss Annie C. Johnson	Saco
Mrs. J. L. E. Kimball	Saco
Sarah B. Thurston	Searsport
Adaline Marritt	Saccarappa
Rev. Sylvanus Hayward	South Berwick
H. Alvira Hayward	South Berwick
Bell Hayward	South Berwick
Grace Hayward	South Berwick
Paul Hayward	South Berwick
John S. Hayward	South Berwick
Rev. S. Hayward	South Berwick
Hannah Eaton	South Berwick
Webster Woodbury	
Sarah Cushing	
John Kittridge	Waltha
Mary D. Hartley	Washing
Philena Starrett	Washin
Rev. B. A. Roble	V
Dea. S. C. Watson	V
Lilla W. Maxwell	
Martha S. Haynes	Wes
Alexander Starrett	
Moses D. Wade	
Jane Rice	
Mary Packard	
E. P. Packard	

GENERAL CONFERENCE

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IN MAINE.

MINUTES

—OF THE—

ty-Second Annual Meeting

HELD WITH THE

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Officers, and Chairmen of Committees of the General Conference of the Congregational Churches in Maine, with their Post-office Address. 1868.

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Dea. Joseph S. Wheelwright	*Treasurer*	Bangor.
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Rev. Smith Baker	*Committee Sabbath Schools*	Orono.
Rev. Jonathan E. Adams	*Chairman Committee Nominations*	Searsport.

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THE FORTY THIRD Annual Meeting of the General Conference of the Congregational Churches in Maine, will be held with the Hammond Street CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH in BANGOR, commencing on Tuesday, June 22, 1869, at 9 o'clock, a. m.

THE FORTIETH Annual Meeting of the MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY, on Tuesday evening.

SIXTY SECOND Anniversary of the MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY, on Wednesday, June 23, at 9 o'clock, a. m.

FIFTY FIRST Anniversary of the Maine Branch of the AMERICAN EDUCATION SOCIETY, Wednesday afternoon.

By vote of the General Conference, honorary titles are omitted in the Minutes.

MINUTES OF 1868.

THE FORTY-SECOND Annual Meeting of the GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN MAINE, was held with the First Congregational Church in THOMASTON, commencing on Tuesday, June 23, 1868, at nine o'clock, A. M.

The MODERATOR, Rev. AARON C. ADAMS, called to order.

United in singing Hymn 84,—from the Sabbath Hymn and Tune book.

The Moderator read portions of Acts I, II, and led in prayer.

The names of Delegates were reported, and enrolled.

County Conferences Represented.

AROOSTOOK.

Rev. William T. Sleeper, of Patten; Bro. J. G. Leavitt, of Sherman.

CUMBERLAND.

Rev. William H. Haskell, of Westbrook; Rev. Ebenezer Bean, of Gray; Rev. Charles C. Parker, of Gorham; Dea. Edward Gould, of Portland.

FRANKLIN.

Rev. Horace Toothacher, of New Sharon: Rev. John Lawrence, of Wilton.

HANCOCK.

Rev. Hiram Houston, of Deer Isle; Rev. David S. Hibbard, of Mt. Desert; Bro. George L. Hosmer, of Deer Isle; Bro. Thomas E. Hale, of Castine.

KENNEBEC.

Rev. Thomas Adams, of Vassalborough; Rev. Joel F. Bingham, of Augusta Bro. John Dorr, of Augusta.

LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC.

Rev. Edwin S. Beard, of Warren; Rev. John J. Bulfinch, of New Castle; Rev. Edward F. Cutter, of Rockland; Dea. William S. D. Healey, of Thomaston; Bro. Bradford A. White, of New Castle; Bro. Moses E. Wade, of Warren.

OXFORD.

Rev. David Garland, of Bethel; Dea. Giles Shurtleff, of South Paris.

PENOBSCOT.

Rev. John R. Herrick, of Bangor; Rev. Smith Baker, of Orono; Bro. William H. Smith, of Bangor; Bro. Charles A. Bailey, of Old Town.

PISCATAQUIS.

Rev. Peter B. Thayer, of Garland; Rev. Rufus W. Emerson, of Monson; Dea. Samuel Coan, and Bro. Elisha S. Coan, of Garland.

SOMERSET.

Rev. Thomas G. Mitchell, of Madison.

UNION.

Rev. Ezra B. Pike, and Dea. Samuel Stickney, of Brownfield.

WALDO.

Rev. Wooster Parker, of Belfast; Rev. Andrew J. Smith, of Rockport; Dea. Sam'l G. Adams, of Camden; Bro. Robert Porter, of Searsport.

WASHINGTON.

Rev. Henry F. Harding, of Machias.

YORK.

Rev. John D. Emerson, of Biddeford; Rev. Lewis Goodrich, of Wells; Rev. Philip Titcomb, of Limerick; Bro. Thomas Haley, of Biddeford; Bro. William G. Conant, of Alfred.

Members Ex-Officiis.

OFFICERS.—Rev. Aaron C. Adams; Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine; Rev. David Garland, of Bethel; Dea. Elnathan F. Duren, and Dea. Joseph S. Wheelwright, of Bangor.

MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES.—Rev. Messrs. Aaron C. Adams; George E. Adams, of Brunswick; Jonathan E. Adams, of Searsport; Thomas Adams, of Vassalboro'; Uriah Balkam, of Lewiston; Stephen L. Bowler, of Hampden; Edward F. Cutter, of Rockland; Solomon P. Fay, of Bangor; John O. Fiske, of Bath; David Garland, of Bethel; Henry F. Harding, of Machias; Silvanus Hayward, of South Berwick; John R. Herrick, of Bangor; David S. Hibbard, of Mt. Desert; Rowland B. Howard, of Farmington; Alfred E. Ives, of Castine; John Lawrence, of Wilton; Javan K. Mason, of Thomaston; Thomas G. Mitchell, of Madison; Flavius V. Norcross, of Union; Wooster Parker, of Belfast; Ezra B. Pike, of Brownfield; Enoch Pond, of Bangor; William T. Sleeper, of Sherman's Mills; Peter B. Thayer, of Garland; Stephen Thurston, of Searsport; Horace Toothaker, of New Sharon; William Warren, of Gorham; Luther Wiswall, of Windham; Richard Woodhull, of Bangor; Dea. Samuel Adams, of Castine; Dea. E. F. Duren, of Bangor; Bro. Seth S. Gerry, of Thomaston; Dea. Edward Gould, of Portland; Dea. Joseph S. Wheelwright, of Bangor.

MINISTER OF THE PLACE.—Rev. Javan K. Mason, of Thomaston.

PREACHER.—Rev. Solomon P. Fay, of Bangor.

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES WHO FULFILLED THEIR APPOINTMENT.

Rev. Messrs. Uriah Balkam, to the General Association of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts, at Lowell, June 1868; David Garland, of Bethel, to the General Conference of Congregational Churches in Massachusetts, in Fitchburg, September, 1867; Henry F. Harding, of Machias, to the East Maine Conference, of Methodist Episcopal Church in Machias:—and by Letter, Rev. Messrs. Smith Baker of Orono, to the General Association of Illinois; George N. Marden, of Orland, to the Maine Baptist Missionary Convention; Charles Packard, of Waldoboro', to the Congregational Conference of Missouri; Sewall Tenney, of Ellsworth, to the Congregational Union of Canada; Edward F. Cutter, to General Association of Connecticut

DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

r. Joseph Blake, of Gilmanton, from General Association of New Hampshire.
r. Nahum Gale, of Lee, General Association of the Congregational Churches of achusetts.
r. A. Bordman Lambert, of Salem, N. Y., General Assembly of the Presbyterian ch.
r. William O. Holman, of Rockland, Maine Baptist Missionary Convention.
r. James E. C. Sawyer, of Bath, Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal h.
r. Ammi Prince, of Orrington, East Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcoburch.
r. David Boyd, of Rockland, Free-Will Baptist Yearly Meeting.

ere were also present, though not as delegates,—

r. William W. Andrews, of Weathersfield, Conn.; Rev. Stephen H. Hayes, of ymouth, Mass.; Rev. Sumner Clark, of Wolfborough, N. H.

REPRESENTATIVES OF BENEVOLENT ORGANIZATIONS.

. William Warren, of Gorham, Dis. Sec. Am. Board Com. for Foreign Missions,
. Crosby H. Wheeler, of Harpoot, Turkey,—Missionary Am. Board C. F. M.
. Samuel H. Merrill, of Portland, American Bible Society.
. L. B. Rockwood, of Boston, American Tract Society, New York.
. Edward P. Stone, of Boston, American Missionary Association.
. John Wood, of Wolfboro, N. H., American and Foreign Christian Union.
. Stedman W. Hanks, of Boston, American Seamen's Friend Society.
. Francis Southworth, of Portland, Maine Seamen's Friend Society.
. Christopher Cushing, of Boston, American Congregational Union.
. Horatio Q. Butterfield, of Kansas, Western College Society.

. John U. Parsons, of Acton, represented the American Revival Association.

Constitution and Rules of Conference were read.

TREASURER AND AUDITOR'S REPORT.

. Joseph S. Wheelwright, of Bangor, Treasurer, presented his re--which, with the report of the Auditor, Dea. William S. Dennett, of or, were accepted and placed on file.

itures,—Paid Brown Thurston & Co., Portland, balance due for Printing Minutes, &c., 1866,	$114 47	
Brown Thurston & Co., towards paper, composition, printing and binding Minutes and Records for 1867,	641 10	
Smith & Hill, Bangor, for bill of printing,	10 50	
Publishing Committee paid for paper, blanks, circulars, postage, freight, &c.,	100 33	
		$866 40
—Received at Annual meeting in Lewiston,	50 93	
From County Conferences, toward balance, 1866,	67 72	
From County Conferences toward 1867,	504 49	
[illegible] Sales of Minutes and Record, 1867,	203 14	826 28
Balance due the Treasurer,		$40 12

Dea. JOSEPH S. WHEELWRIGHT, of Bangor, was re-elected Treasurer.

Dea. WILLIAM S. DENNETT, of Bangor, Auditor.

On motion of Rev. William Warren, of Gorham,

An addition of six was made to the Committee of which he was Chairman, referred to on page 81, of the minutes for 1867—viz : Revds. John R. Herrick, of Bangor; Alfred E. Ives, of Castine; Luther Wiswall, of Windham; Wooster Parker, of Belfast; Deacs. Joseph S. Wheelwright, of Bangor, and Edward Gould, of Portland.

On motion of Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Searsport,

Voted, That Ordained Ministers present, be invited to sit with us as Honorary Members, and take part in our deliberations.

Report from the Committee of Arrangements, read, and accepted.

On motion of Rev. Wooster Parker, of Belfast:

Voted, That a Committee be appointed to report if any change is desirable in any Articles of the Constitution or Rules. Rev. W. Parker, Rev. D. Garland, and Dea. J. S. Wheelwright, Committee.

COMMITTEE OF NOMINATIONS.

Rev. Benjamin A. Robie, of Kennebec Conference, was appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by the removal from the State, of Rev. Temple Cutler, of Somerset Conference; Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, of Penobscot Conference, and Rev. Horace Toothaker, of Franklin Conference, to take the place of two whose term expires this year.

UNION STATE CHRISTIAN CONVENTION.

Rev. S. P. Fay, of Bangor, of the Committee appointed last year on this subject, (Minutes 1867, page 86,) reported that correspondence had been had with those interested in the "Christian," "Sabbath School," and "Young Men's" Associations,— and that it did not seem desirable this year to hold such a Convention.

CHANGES IN CONFERENCE.

Rev. Aaron C. Adams, of the committee on this subject, appointed last year, (Minutes page 87) stated that they were not prepared to report.

Voted, That the same Committee be continued, to report next year. viz:—Revs. Samuel Harris, President of Bowdoin College; David Shepley, of Yarmouth; John O. Fiske, of Bath; Charles Tenney, of Biddeford; Rowland B. Howard, of Farmington; and the Moderator.

REPORTS OF DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Rev. David Garland, of Bethel, reported his attendance upon the meeting of the General Conference of Congregational Churches in Massachusetts, in Fitchburg, Sept. 1867.

Rev. Uriah Balkam, of Lewiston, the General Association of Congregational Churches in Massachusetts, in Lowell, June 1868.

Rev. Henry F. Harding, of Machias, the East Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Machias.

Rev. Alpheus S. Packard, of Brunswick, reported by letter, that he attended the Maine Conference of the Methodist Church in Brunswick.

Each, state they were received fraternally, and cordially and kindly.

he following Delegates reported that they sent a communication to the ies named:

v. Smith Baker, jr., of Orono, to the General Association of Illinois.
v. Charles Packard, of Waldoboro', to the Congregational Conference of Mis-
.
v. Sewall Tenney, of Ellsworth, to the Congregational Union of Canada.
v. George N. Marden, of Orland, to the Maine Baptist Convention.
v. Edward F. Cutter, of Rockland, to the General Association of Connecticut.

mmunications were read from the following Delegates, stating they had lled their appointment, by letter:

v. Henry S. Loring, of Amherst, to the General Association of New Hampshire.
v. John Dinsmore, of Winslow, to the General Congregational Conference of esota.
v. Charles G. McCully, of Hallowell, to the General Assembly of the Presbyte- Church, (N. S.)
e Recording Secretary reported that Rev. Jonathan B. Cook, formerly of Wells, e to the Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin, as appears report in their last Minutes; also, that by request of Rev. Charles H. Emerson, e, he wrote a brief note, and sent a copy of our Minutes to the General Associ- of Michigan, not having time seasonably to notify the substitute delegate.
v. Ebenezer Bean, of Gray, reported he did not get notice of his appointment as ate to the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.
v. Philip Titcomb, of Limerick, relied upon the Primary Delegate to attend, or to the Rhode Island Congregational Conference.
. Simon Page, of Hallowell, writes July 2, that he or his substitute wrote to the al Association of New York.
. John Elliot, of Rumford Point, July 3, that he wrote to the General Conven- f Vermont.
. Austin L. Park, of Gardiner, July 3, that being absent from the State, he was e to be present at the Free-Will Baptist Yearly meeting in Maine.
. James M. Palmer, of Biddeford, July 3, says that he was unable to fulfil his ntment to Congregational Association of California.
. Benjamin A Robie, of Waterville, July 6, that he wrote to the General Asso- n of Indiana.
. Samuel Doolittle, of Waterville, July 7, that he wrote to the Congregational iation of Oregon.
. Alexander R. Plumer, of Industry, July 10, that he wrote to the Ohio Congre- al Conference.
. Joseph Kyte, of Sandy Point, July 6, that he relied upon his substitute to he appointment to General Association of Kansas.
. William V. Jordan, of Andover, July 8, that he supposed his substitute ful- he appointment to General Association of Iowa.
. Josiah T. Hawes, of Litchfield, July 20, that he wrote to the General Associ- f Iowa.

roll of delegates was called.

of devotional exercises was held, in which Rev. Messrs. F. South- Merrill, of Portland, E. F. Cutter, of Rockland, W. War-

ren of Gorham, A. C. Adams, of Wethersfield, Conn., T. Adams, of Vassalborough, and L. B. Rockwood, of Boston, participated.

Closed with Prayer by Rev. William W. Andrews, of Connecticut.

CONFERENCE SERMON.

11 o'clock. Scriptures read, (Matt. 16,) and prayer offered by Rev. Smith Baker, jr., of Orono.

Sermon, by Rev. Solomon P. Fay, of Bangor.

TEXT—Matt. 16: 18, 19. The nature of the church founded on Peter's confession of Christ. The "Keys," given to *all* who are regenerated, and obey his commands.

Report of the Committee for the afternoon services—accepted.

Benediction by the Moderator.

Afternoon—two o'clock.

Scriptures read (Eph. vi : 10—24), and Prayer offered by the Moderator, Rev. Aaron C. Adams.

Mr. Adams having removed from the State, resigned the office which he held in this Conference. He was requested to retain the position for the present.

A half hour was occupied in devotional exercises. Reference was happily made to the colony of Protestants, who, one hundred and thirty-three years ago, settled here,—and established the institutions of the the gospel in this region. The same blessed truths are now cherished and promulgated by their descendants.

OUR MISSION.

Discussion of the general proposition, that our mission as Congregational Churches, in order to be most successful, must be prosecuted on the principle of "every one over against his own house,"—involving, of course, the necessity, "that the people have a mind to work."

(a.) The need of the Divine Spirit to secure this mind in each church. Introduced by Rev. A. C. Adams.

(b.) The kind of preaching to be successful. Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Searsport.

(c.) The methods and special characteristics of our social meetings,—that their attractions, and impressions be increased, and the *real* talent, male and female, be most developed and prepared for *outside* work. Rev. U. Balkam, of Lewiston.

(d.) Special means for securing a revival of religion.

1. Employment of Evangelists. Rev. George E. Adams, of Brunswick.
2. The lay element,—how to be used. Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, of Hampden.
3. Union meetings. Rev. Wooster Parker, of Belfast.

(e.) What co-operative measures essential to generalize such revival work through the state? involving the propriety of employing Evangelists, subject to the general direction of the several County Conferences. Rev. John U. Parsons, of North Acton.

In the course of his remarks he referred to the objects of the American vival Association.

f) What action especially hopeful, and due to that large number of our popula-n, (30,000), and to the millions in our land, who "go down to the sea." Rev. Francis uthworth, Chaplain of Seamen's Bethel, Portland,—and Rev. S. W. Hanks, of ston, Agent of the American Seamen's Friend Society.

Mr. Southworth, in referring to the MAINE SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, ntioned that $52 only, had been received into the Treasury of this Society, m the churches in Maine. This sum had been expended in procuring ding matter, which had been distributed among seamen. Much more s needed. At the Bethel, in Portland, meetings are held on Monday ming for religious conversation,—from 20 to 50 attending; Tuesday eve-g, a Bible Class, average attendance, 35; Thursday evening, stated yer meeting, 100 present. Friday evening, Young people's meeting, l present. Forty persons have been received to the church,—more n that number have been hopefully converted. Four of the officers his Society are mentioned on page 54. The Vice Presidents are,—Prof. m S. Sewall, of Brunswick; Dea. S. D. Thurston, of Bangor; and Rev. B. Howard, of Farmington.

nited in prayer with Rev. Sewall Tenney, of Ellsworth,—for Seamen.

he further discussion of several of the topics introduced was continued Rev. Messrs. Fay, of Bangor; Cutter, of Rockland; Wiswall, of Wind-; Adams, of Brunswick; Tenney, of Ellsworth; Crosby H. Wheeler, of Harpoot Mission, Turkey; S. H. Hayes, of Massachusetts; Balkam, Lewiston; Southworth, of Portland; W. T. Sleeper, of Sherman; Stickney, of Brownfield; and Thomas Haley, of Biddeford. Mr. H. red briefly to the work of the Young Men's Christian Associations.

Report of the Committee of Arrangements was presented, and adopted.

. W. Rice, Warden of the State Prison, extended an invitation to Dele-s, and those attending the Conference, to visit that institution.

nediction, by Rev. A. B. Lambert, of New York, Delegate from the sbyterian Church.

djourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

Incorporated January 23, 1821.

THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING.

Tuesday Evening.—Deacon Samuel Adams, of Castine, President, in the chair.

The President read the eighth chapter of Second Corinthians. Prayer, by Rev. J. K. Mason, of Thomaston.

The Secretary being absent, Rev. Edward F. Cutter, of Rockland, was appointed Secretary pro-tem.

The Treasurer, Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine, read his report.

Receipts, $414; including $143 in Treasury at beginning of the year,—Disbursed to eleven families in July, 1867, $310.

The President added remarks.

A Committee of five were appointed to devise and propose some plan for increasing the funds of the Society,—viz.: Rev. Messrs. U. Balkam, of Lewiston; W. Warren, of Gorham; H. F. Harding, of Machias; R. Woodhull, of Bangor; Deacs. S. Adams, of Castine, and J. S. Wheelwright, of Bangor.

Rev. U. Balkam read the record of Ministers who have died during the year. (See page 63.)

Rev. John R. Herrick, of Bangor Seminary, offered remarks on the question,—How shall the number of ministers be maintained and increased?—involving the success of our Theological Seminary, and College.

Rev Henry F. Harding, of Machias, referred to the obligation of churches to take care of their *ministers* while they have them, and of their *widows* when they are removed by death. Rev. Nahum Gale, of Massachusetts, added remarks on the same subject.

The annual contribution was $74 50.

Benediction, by Rev. E. F. Cutter, of Rockland.

OFFICERS OF THE MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

ELECTED FOR THE YEAR.

PRESIDENT.—Dea. Samuel Adams, of Castine.

VICE PRESIDENT.—Rev. Sewall Tenney, of Ellsworth.

SECRETARY.—Rev. Edward F. Cutter of Rockland.,

TREASURER.—Rev. Charles Packard, of Waldoborough.

AUDITOR.—John H. Jarvis, of Castine.

TRUSTEES.—The President, Secretary, and Treasurer, ex-officiis; Rev. Messrs. E. Pond, E. Jones, D. Shepley, S. Tenney, R. Woodhull, S. Thurston, and Bro. Eben Steele, of Portland.

Wednesday, June 24—Second Day.

forning, half past 5 o'clock.

'rayer Meeting, conducted by Rev. Thomas Adams, of Vassalborough; only one present who was at the meeting of the Maine Missionary iety in Thomaston, forty-eight years ago.

ight o'clock.

he Moderator read the sixty-seventh Psalm. Prayer, by Rev. John R. rick, of Penobscot Conference.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR.

ev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine, was chosen MODERATOR, to fill the vacancy occaed by the resignation of Rev. Aaron C. Adams.

r. Adams, in retiring from the office, expressed his deep interest in the Conferand though called in the Providence of God to another state, yet his attachment laine was strong,—and he invoked the presence of God, and his blessing upon us.

r. Ives, with appropriate remarks, and thanks for this mark of confidence, accepted office to which he had been elected,—resigning the place of Corresponding Secre-, which he had held.

In Memoriam.

he following record, read last evening, by Rev. U. Balkam, was adopted he Conference:

s in nature the old life is ever living with the new, the old forms ever passing y while the new are ever coming forth, and there is a perfect harmony of old and ; and of the living with the dying—so in our moral and spiritual life, the old and young dwell together, or, the one are passing away and the other coming forward. present is as surely connected with our past as is our future, hence it is as ural on these annual occasions, to look back and observe how death has thinned ranks in another year's campaign, as it is to mark what numbers swell our front he battle of to-day.

ith the greater number of the ministers once connected with our Conference have died the last year, I was unacquainted. An honored Father in the minis- of whom I sought information, writes,—"four of the ministers deceased—Messrs. ker, Kimball, Chamberlain and Carpenter, were unknown to me almost entirely, at I can say nothing of *them*." But whoever reads their names in this connection g known them in their lives, will pay the tribute due. No doubt their worth heir memory are precious in many a heart, where they will never cease to live.

th NOAH CRESSEY, I have been slightly acquainted for fifty years. He was excellent physical powers, as you must perceive by looking at his age—91. odox of the old stamp in his views of preaching; and very plain and r. I called upon him when he was rising 90, then resident in

Portland. He gave me the impression that although not preaching *then*, he might resume his labors by and by!"

"JOHN WILDE was a brother beloved and respected by all — a scholar of fine tastes, of excellent style in his pulpit performances, and of an impressive delivery." His body was of the Websterian build, and his mind was thought to be of the same character. He was subject to extreme depression of spirits and at such times his powers were in a measure paralyzed, but when the cloud lifted, his mind and heart shone out with great brilliance and he was wont to speak as "with the tongues of men and angels." This was at least the impression made upon the people. He lived in his age, with a heart ever swelling with the expansive love of his Master.

DANIEL KENDRICK wrote one year ago this month — "I am 81 years old; and I believe there is not a Congregational minister now living in the state, who was alive when I was ordained in 1810." Father Kendrick had due regard for the face and form of religion, as well as for its inward spirit. He made place for the dignities and formalities of his ministerial office.

GEORGE SHEPARD. A name that we cannot pronounce without the stirrings of affection and tearful recollection. His mind was a powerful condenser; his utterances sledge hammer blows; his clear perceptions and compact style often outbursting with eloquence; his heart as loyal as possible to the Master, for whom he was wont to speak with fearless devotion. He was as unselfish and generous in his sympathies as he was devoted to the will of God. He was as modest and retiring in his demeanor, as he was strong in his convictions and bold in his deliverances for the truth. Had he lived in Moses' day, he might have competed with the lawgiver for the palm of meekness. While a most positive thinker and preacher, he was without one taint of bigotry, and was truly catholic in spirit. Those who differed from him most, loved him. Few have held the commonly received truths of religion with a stronger grasp, or presented them with a more masterly force of style. He was distinguished more for sound common sense than speculative reason. He loved better the plain actualities of life than the more ærial things of imagination. He was more fond of obviously useful, than remote learning. His love of plainness was so great as to absolve him from severe obligation to the niceties of taste. He delighted in strong Saxon, was often original in expression, to which he gave unceasing attention, perhaps sometimes, too much for the best effect. As a teacher, in his department, he was admirable. Not a few preachers of the gospel must bless the day when they came under his training for the pulpit. His pupils left him with his impress upon them. Having led a laborious life for Christ and Humanity, well refined by trial and by grace, beloved and honored, he has gone to his glorious rest.

WILLIAM SMYTH—the poor boy—the originator in poverty of his own fortune—the achiever of all that he became, against obstacles all but insuperable—who placed himself in his department as a College Professor, amongst the first—whose faculty of quick and powerful concentration, was equaled only by the tenderness and expansibility of his heart—who, with all his robustness of mind and will, had, in his character, the sweetness and simplicity of a child—who was ever intent, with the ardor of a first love, upon some great and good work, and who dropped down among the dead in the very midst of earnest, active labors. He had worn ragged clothes, lived on the meanest fare, and wrought himself almost blind to get knowledge—hence his unrestrained impulses and powerful pleadings for education for the poor. The College boys called him "Ferox." Dear man! he had not gone through the sweat and dust, the smoke and battle of such a life, without taking to himself perhaps something that

rocious in appearance. His stern conflicts had doubtless left their superscrip-
on him; but inwardly, and all through him, the sunbeams played and the
ess of a summer evening reigned. His nature, as much as that of any man
er lived, was in sympathy with his country and his race. Through his whole
med forth aspiration, purpose, and perseverance, supplemented and perme-
the spirit of Christ. He left no dying words, and no man had less need.
rs, every day had been a testimony fit for a dying man.
e dear brethren have gone, after their brief passage of time. But it is by such
at God is elevating and advancing the human race. Death is a strange mys-
Why are men born to struggle so hard, only to die so soon? It is enough to
t it is God's plan. But great and good lives, though short, are mighty. Being
ey yet speak. They are waves that roll not merely up against the shore and
ede, but they roll onward across the outlying masses of men, and mingle as
ces in the destiny of the race.

DIVORCES.

John O. Fiske, of Bath, introduced the following Resolutions:

eas, a sacred regard for the marriage relation is vital to the interests of reli-
sound morality and the highest welfare of States:

ed, 1. That we view with profound regret and alarm the increasing fre-
and ease with which marriages are dissolved under our laws.

ed, 2. That it is absolutely clear from the New Testament, that there are, at
t, but two justifiable causes of divorce;—the one, adultery, as explicitly taught
Lord, in Matthew 5: 31, 32, and 19: 3—9; and the other, if there are two, wilful
licious desertion, as is believed by many to be taught by the Apostle in 1 Cor-
ns, 7: 15.

ed, 3. That all divorces for other causes than these, we desire solemnly to
ee as sinful, destructive of the best interests of society, and disgraceful.

arks were made by the mover, Rev. Messrs. Fay, of Bangor; hworth, of Portland; and Dr. Lambert, delegate from the Presbyte-
urch.

Resolutions were referred to a Committee of five, to report at next g of Conference. Rev. Messrs. D. S. Talcott, of Bangor; W. Parker, ast; L. Wiswall, of Windham; U. Balkam, of Lewiston; and J. O. of Bath.

AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION AND RULES.

W. Parker, of the Committee on this subject, reported,

s Union Conference had been received as a part of the General Conference t necessary to retain Article 3, of the Constitution—and recommended that lken out.

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lso reported that Article 5, of the Rules, appointing a first and [redacted]ber,—be stricken out.

THE MINUTES.

On motion of the Recording Secretary, a communication from York and Waldo Conferences on the publication of the minutes, was referred to a Committee of one from each County.

The Moderator appointed Rev. Messrs. William T. Sleeper, of Aroostook; William Warren, of Cumberland; Rowland B. Howard, of Franklin; David S. Hibbard, of Hancock; Thomas Adams, of Kennebec; John O. Fiske, of Lincoln and Sagadahoc; David Garland, of Oxford; Stephen L. Bowler, of Penobscot; P. B. Thayer, of Piscataquis; Thomas G. Mitchell, of Somerset; Ezra B. Pike, of Union; W. Parker, of Waldo; Henry F. Harding, of Washington; Silvanus Hayward, of York.

Rev. Wm. Warren, Chairman, subsequently reported, recommending,—

1. That One thousand copies of the minutes be printed.

2. That one copy be sent to each church, and one to each minister in the state, connected with the Conference—and to the bodies with which they have correspondence, and to others as usual, at the expense of Conference.

3. Such additional copies as may be wanted by the churches, or individuals, to be paid for by them, and the amount thus received, to be deducted from the entire expense of publishing the same:—the balance needed, to be made known to the several County Conferences, agreeably to Article 16, of the Rules of General Conference.

4. That the Publishing Committee be instructed to make arrangements with the Trustees of the Maine Missionary Society, to publish the Minutes, with the Sermon and Report.

5. That the Minutes be reduced in size by omitting the frequent references to the Christian Mirror, and other papers; notices of the laity, in the Necrology; Hymns; and some other items of an historical character.

Report adopted.

(The second and third members of the Publishing Committee are wholly responsible for introducing into the printed minutes the following resolution.)

VOTE OF THANKS.

On motion of Rev. Rowland B. Howard, of Farmington,—

Resolved, unanimously, That the cordial thanks of this Conference are hereby tendered to Dea. E. F. Duren, our Recording Secretary, for his gratuitous but invaluable labors in preparing and publishing the Minutes of this body, and the Historical Record of the Maine Congregational Ministers and Churches. This work is an enduring monument to his accuracy, industry and generosity; and, by its intrinsic and inestimable historic worth, deserves our very highest commendation.

Adjourned to two o'clock—afternoon..

MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Incorporated 1809.

SIXTY FIRST ANNIVERSARY.

e o'clock, a. m.
President, Rev. George E. Adams, of Brunswick, read the Scriptures
d in Prayer.
mon by Rev. Uriah Balkam, of Lewiston.
— 1 Corinthians, 12: 20. "But now are they many members, yet but one

Sermon, Report of the Treasurer, and Trustees; the Topics, Speak-
d Remarks following, are reported with the proceedings of the Soci-
the first part of this pamphlet; also, the officers for the ensuing year.
ual Contribution—$76.00
ediction by the Preacher.

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o'clock. p. m.
ference resumed its session.
President read the seventy-second Psalm, and led in Prayer.

INTERNATIONAL YOUNG MENS' CHRISTIAN CONVENTION.

eeably to a desire expressed at the meeting of the Maine Missionary
this morning, as well as to signify our own interest in Young Mens'
ian Associations, it was, on motion of Rev. U. Balkam,

To send the following communication to the Annual International Conven-
Young Mens' Christian Associations, now in session at Detroit, to be signed
Moderator and Secretary.

THOMASTON, MAINE, June 24, 1868.

resident:—
leneral Conference of the Congregational Churches in Maine, a constituent
the body of Christ, and in the fellowship of the Spirit, sends greetings to the
l and Internationol Young Mens' Christian Associations in Convention at

. DURBIN, *Secretary.* A. E. IVES, *Moderator.*

following reply came in response:—

DETROIT, MICHIGAN, June 24, 1868.

A. E. Ives, Moderator of the General Conference of the Congregational Churches
ine:—
ternational Convention of Young Mens' Christian Associations acknowledge
rnal greetings, and clasp your hands in christian love. We have met our
dy. Pray for us, that the Master of Assemblies continue with us to the
benediction rest on you.

tary. H. THANE MILLER, President.

AMERICAN AND FOREIGN CHRISTIAN UNION.

The objects and claims of this Society were presented by Rev. John Wood, of Wolfborough, N. H.

Subsequently on motion of Rev. J. K. Mason, of Thomaston, the following resolution was adopted:—

Resolved, That the American and Foreign Christian Union affords a desirable and safe medium for the contributions of our churches in behalf of the Roman Catholics of this and foreign countries.

AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

Rev. Christopher Cushing, its Secretary in Boston, referred to the work of this organization.

Rev. L. B. Rockwood, of Boston, spoke in behalf of the AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY, and Rev. S. H. Merrill, of the claims of the AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

Adjourned for one hour.

MAINE BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Organized in Portland, November 19, 1818.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY.

3 o'clock, p. m.

Rev. Enoch Pond, of Bangor, President, opened the meeting with remarks touching the important objects of this Society, and referred to the death of Professor Shepard, its Secretary, and of Professor Smyth, its former Treasurer.

Rev. John R. Herrick, of Bangor, was chosen Secretary.

The Report of the Treasurer showed the receipts of the Society $3,395; three-fourths of which was received from the Parent Society. Expended $3,000.

Remarks on the vital and fundamental importance of this Society, were made by Rev. Messrs. E. Pond, John R. Herrick, and S. P. Fay, of Bangor; C. C. Parker, of Gorham; D. Garland, of Bethel; S. Bowker, of Wells; R. B. Howard, of Farmington, and C. Packard, of Waldoboro.

It was happily suggested that the contribution of this Anniversary, and during the last year of the administration of the new Secretary, be a JUBILEE OFFERING, and also commemorative of the former Secretary.

Adjourned.

OFFICERS OF THE MAINE BRANCH AMERICAN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

PRESIDENT.—Rev. Enoch Pond, of Bangor.
VICE-PRESIDENT.—Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath.
SECRETARY.—Rev. John R. Herrick, of Bangor.
TREASURER.—Rev. Prof. Jotham B. Sewall, of Brunswick.
AUDITOR.—A. C. Robbins, of Brunswick.
DIRECTORS.—President and Secretary, ex-officiis; Rev. D. Shepley and Professor Alpheus S. Packard.

Four o'clock — Conference resumed its session.

BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Committee to visit the Seminary, at its last anniversary, made a report, through their Chairman, Rev. William Warren, of Gorham.

Accepted—to be published with the minutes. (See Reports.)

Rev. Richard Woodhull, of Bangor, Treasurer and Agent of the Seminary, added remarks.

WESTERN COLLEGE SOCIETY.

Rev. H. Q. Butterfield, Professor in Lincoln College, Topeka, Kansas, gave some reasons why we should, in connection with efforts for Bowdoin College, and Bangor Seminary,—endorse this Society.

Subsequently, On motion of Rev. S. P. Fay, of Bangor, the following statement and vote, was adopted:

Whereas, "The Society for the promotion of Collegiate and Theological Education at the West,"—has in twenty-five years, at the average yearly expenditure of $23,000 nurtured three Theological Seminaries, and fourteen Colleges into efficient usefulness:—

Whereas, It is vitally connected with the great Missionary cause, both Home and Foreign;—furnishing, as it does, the Institutions without which, the western states cannot contribute their quota of men:—and,

Whereas, Experience has amply proved, that it indirectly but positively fosters the Colleges, and Theological Seminaries on the very field whence its contributions are drawn:—

Resolved, That we cordially commend this Society to the churches of Maine, and recommend that they contribute to its funds.

Report by the Committee of arrangements,—adopted.

Benediction, by the Moderator.

Adjourned.

Evening—7½ o'clock.

The Moderator read Psalms 121, 122.

Prayer by Rev. S. P. Fay, of Penobscot Conference.

AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

In considering farther the extension of the work of our Churches to remoter fields, Rev. E. P. Stone, of Boston, spoke of the work of this Association, chiefly among the poor in the southern portion of our country.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Rev. William Warren, District Secretary of the American Board Commissioners for Foreign Missions, referred to the power of that instrumentality which, through Foreign Missions, God is employing in the conversion of the world.

Rev. Crosby H. Wheeler, of the Harport Mission, in Turkey, was introduced and welcomed as a former minister of Maine. Mr. W. occupied the remainder of the evening, in giving an account of the work in the field where he has been laboring for ten years; illustrating it by large maps. He made earnest appeals for fidelity in fulfilling the command,—"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

The Committee of Arrangements reported the exercises for to-morrow.

Accepted.

Prayer by Rev. C. H. Wheeler. Benediction by Rev. Dr. Pond.

Adjourned.

Third Day—Thursday, June 25.

Morning.—5½ o'clock. Prayer meeting conducted by Rev. H. A. Shorey, of Oldtown. Several individual requests for prayer were presented.

Eight o'clock. The Moderator read the eleventh chapter of Isaiah.

Prayer by Rev. Ezra B. Pike, of Union Conference.

A GROWING EVIL.

Voted, That the Report referred to on page 65, after revision by the Chairman, and conference with the Committee, be published in the Christian Mirror.

CONGREGATIONAL SABBATH SCHOOL AND PUBLISHING SOCIETY.

On motion of Rev. Silvanus Hayward, of South Berwick,—

Resolved, That we are gratified with the auspicious union of the Congregational Board of Publication, and the Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, and that we earnestly recommend to the churches of this Conference, a *hearty* and *liberal* support of the united Society.

Report of the Committee on Nominations.

Rev. Flavius V. Norcross, of Union, in behalf of the Committee, made the following Report, which was accepted and adopted, as follows:

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

☞ *Delegates to attend in person, or send a written communication.*—RULE 13.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Fourth Tuesday of August, (25), 1868, at 10 a. m., in Concord.

Rev. J. E. Adams, Searsport, Primary. Dea. George Allen, Waldoboro', Substitute.

GENERAL CONVENTION OF VERMONT.

Third Tuesday of June, (15), 1869, in Castleton.

Rev. S. H. Merrill, Portland, Primary. Rev. A. J. Smith, Rockport, Substitute.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN MASSACHUSETTS.

Second Tuesday of June, (8), 1869, in Woburn.
Rev. E. F. Cutter, Rockland, Primary. Bro. A. C. Robbins, Brunswick, Substitute.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF CONNECTICUT.

Third Tuesday of June, (15), 1869, at 11 a. m., in West Haven.
Rev. W. Parker, Belfast, Primary. Rev. T. E. Barstow, Brooks, Substitute

RHODE ISLAND CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE.

Second Tuesday of June, (8), 1869, at 10 a. m., in Little Compton.
Rev. J. S. Sewall, Brunswick, Primary. Bro. J. Drummond, Bath, Substitute.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK.

October 20, 1868, at 10 a. m., in Homer.
Rev. R. Woodhull, Bangor, Primary. Bro. J. J. Taylor, Newcastle, Substitute.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN.

Third Wednesday of May, (19), 1869, at 7½ p. m., in East Saginaw.
Rev. T. N. Lord, Limerick, Primary. Rev. R. B. Howard, Farmington, Substitute.

OHIO CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE.

Second Tuesday of June, (9), 1869, at 7 p. m., in Akron.
Rev. T. Adams, Vassalboro', Primary. Rev. S. P. Fay, Bangor, Substitute

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF CONGREGA'L CHURCHES AND MINISTERS, INDIANA.

Third Thursday of May, (20), 1869, at 7 p. m., in Plymouth Church, Indianapolis.
Rev. F. E. Fellows, Bridgton, Primary. Bro. T. Hersey, South Paris, Substitute

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS.

Quarterly Centennial Anny. Fourth Wednesday of May, (26), 1869, in Farmington.
Rev. D. Garland, Bethel, Primary. Rev. T. T. Merry, Norway, Substitute.

CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE OF MISSOURI.

Third Wednesday in October, (21), at 7 p. m., in Brookfield.
Rev. S. L. Bowler, Hampden, Primary. Rev. B. Tappan, Norridgewock, Substitute.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF IOWA.

Fourth Wednesday in May, (26), 1869, at 7 p. m., in Denmark.
Rev. J. J. Bulfinch, New Castle, Primary. Rev. Wm. H. Fenn, Portland, Substitute

GENERAL CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE OF MINNESOTA.

Second Thursday of October, (8), 1868, in Owatonna.
Rev. J. Dinsmore, Winslow, Primary. Bro. J. F. Cogswell, Bangor, Substitute.

PRESBYTERIAN AND CONGREGATIONAL CONVENTION OF WISCONSIN.

First Wednesday in October, (7), 1868, in Ripon.
Rev. H. Ilsley, South Freeport, Primary. Rev. S. Hayward, So. Berwick, Substitute.

GEN. ASSOCIATION OF CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS AND CHURCHES IN KANSAS.

Second Wednesday of May, (12), 1869, in Lawrence.
Rev. F. Southworth, Portland, Primary. Dea. E. P. Thwing, New Sharon, Substitute.

CONGREGATIONAL GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF OREGON.

Third Thursday of June, (20), 1869.

Rev. A. Morton, West Auburn, Primary. Rev. J. Parsons, York, Substitute.

CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA.

October 7, 1868, in First Church, Oakland.

Rev. J. Wells, Dedham, Primary. Rev. J. O. Fiske, Bath, Substitute.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

September 7, 1868, in St. John, N. B.

Rev. W. E. Darling, Kennebunk, Primary. Rev. H. F. Harding, Machias, Substitute.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

Wednesday after first Sabbath in June, (10), 1869, at 7½ p. m., in Montreal.

Rev. D. B. Sewall, Fryeburg, Primary. Dea. J. S. Wheelwright, Bangor, Substitute.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, N. S.

Third Tuesday of May, (20), 1869, in church of the Covenant, N. York City.

Rev. Pres. S. Harris, Brunswick, Primary. Rev. J. J. Carruthers, Portland, Substitute.

MAINE BAPTIST MISSIONARY CONVENTION.

Third Tuesday of June, (15), 1869.

Rev. W. T. Sleeper, Sherman, Primary. Rev. S. Bowker, Wells, Substitute.

MAINE CONFERENCE OF METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

April, 1869, in Saccarappa.

Rev. J. C. Adams, Falmouth, Primary. Rev. J. Danielson, Saccarappa, Substitute.

EAST MAINE CONFERENCE OF M. E. CHURCH.

June, 1869, in Pine Street Church, Bangor.

Rev. J. R. Herrick, Bangor, Primary. Rev. H. A. Shorey, Old Town, Substitute.

FREE-WILL BAPTIST YEARLY MEETING.

Third Tuesday in August, (18), 1868, in Harmony.

Rev. W. R. Cross, New Gloucester, Primary. Rev. S. Hackett, Temple, Substitute.

COMMITTEES.

STANDING OF MINISTERS.—Rev. Messrs. Enoch Pond, of Bangor; George E. Adams, of Brunswick; Stephen Thurston, of Searsport; John J. Carruthers, of Portland; and Charles Tenney, of Biddeford.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Rev. Smith Baker, of Orono.

PUBLICATION OF MINUTES.—Dea. E. F. Duren, of Bangor; Rev. D. Garland, of Bethel, and Rev. S. L. Bowler, of Hampden.

TO VISIT THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, BANGOR.

CONFERENCE.	MEMBERS.
Aroostook,	Rev. William T. Sleeper, of Sherman Mills.
Cumberland,	" Joseph Danielson, of Saccarappa.
Franklin,	" Rowland B. Howard, of Farmington.
Hancock,	" George N. Marden, of Orland.
Kennebec,	" Joel F. Bingham, of Augusta.
Lincoln and Sagadahoc,	" John O. Fiske, of Bath.
Oxford,	" John B. Wheelwright, of South Paris.
Penobscot,	" Wellington Newell, of Brewer Village.
Piscataquis,	" Woodbury S. Kimball, of Dexter.
Somerset,	" Benjamin Tappan, of Norridgewock.
Union,	" Joseph Kyte, of North Waterford.
Waldo,	" Jonathan E. Adams, of Searsport.
Washington,	" Charles Whittier, of Dennysville.
York,	Bro. Thomas Haley, of Biddeford.

Next Meeting of General Conference.

On Tuesday preceding the fourth Wednesday of June, (22), 1869, at nine o'clock, a. m., with the Hammond Street Church in Bangor.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

Rev. Solomon P. Fay, Rev. George W. Field, Dea. S. D. Thurston.

PREACHER—TUESDAY FORENOON.

Rev. Jotham B. Sewall, of Brunswick, Primary. Rev. John R. Herrick, of Bangor, Substitute.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Waldo Conference.
Rev. David Garland, of Oxford Conference.
Rev. George A. Tewksbury, of Cumberland Conference.
Rev. Benjamin A. Robie, of Kennebec Conference.
Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, of Penobscot Conference.
Rev. Horace Toothaker, of Franklin Conference.

ELECTION OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Rev. David Garland, of Bethel, was chosen Corresponding Secretary, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine.

PROFESSOR SHEPARD'S LECTURES AND SERMONS.

A memorial of the Students of Bangor Theological Seminary, in reference to the publication of the Lectures of Professor Shepard, upon Sacred Rhetoric, was presented by Rev. S. P. Fay, of Bangor, and on his motion Rev. Messrs. J. O. Fiske, W. Warren, and R. B. Howard, were appointed a Committee on the subject. Remarks commendatory, were made by Rev. Messrs. Fay, of Bangor, Baker, of Orono, and Balkam, of Lewiston. It is understood that copies of the Lectures and Sermons procured through Mrs. Shepard, will inure to her benefit. Rev. Thomas Adams, of Vassalborough, an intimate friend of Dr. Shepard, paid a fitting tribute to his memory.

A CLASSICAL PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

Rev. William Warren, of Gorham, introduced the following resolution:—

Resolved, That a Committee of three be chosen, to take into consideration the question of establishing in Maine, a Classical School, of high order, by means of which we may fit our young men thoroughly for College.

After a brief discussion, it was referred to Rev. President S. Harris, Brunswick; Rev. B. Tappan, of Norridgewock; and Rev. S. Hayward, of South Berwick, to report next year.

TEMPERANCE.

On motion of Rev. Henry F. Harding, of Machias,—

Resolved, That after nearly twenty years experience, we re-affirm our unabated confidence in the justice and efficacy of the principle of Prohibition, in the prosecution of the great, and yet unaccomplished Temperance reform, and declare our solemn and steadfast purpose to maintain and perpetuate it in our State Legislature, by all the legitimate, and discreet means of influence in our power.

Maine Congregational Charitable Society.

On motion of Rev. U. Balkam, of Lewiston,—

Voted, That the objects of the Maine Congregational Charitable Society be commended to the churches of this Conference, and that the Pastors and Ministers be requested to preach in its behalf, and take a collection in aid of its funds in *September* of each year.

Voted, That a committee be appointed to consider and report next year, what can be done to aid superannuated Ministers of the state, in connection with the above named society, or in a separate form. Rev. Messrs. U. Balkam, W. Warren, R. Woodhull, H. F. Harding. Deas. Samuel Adams and J. S. Wheelwright, were chosen said Committee.

The Roll of Conference was called.

Salutations of Corresponding Bodies.

General Association of New Hampshire.—Rev. Joseph Blake, of Gilmanton, N. H. (Mr. Blake, in the course of his remarks, referred to his former pleasant connection with the Conference. He was Pastor in Cumberland 1841 to 1859.)

General Association of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts.—Rev. Nahum Gale of Lee.

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.—Rev. A. Bordman Lambert, of Salem, New York.

Maine Baptist Missionary Convention.—Rev. William O. Holman, of Rockland.

Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.—Rev. James E. C. Sawyer, of Bath.

East Maine Conference M. E. Church.—Rev. Ammi Prince, of Orrington.

Free-Will Baptist Yearly Meeting.—Rev. David Boyd, of Rockland.

The Moderator introduced each Delegate and responded to their Salutations.

Letters were received from the following:

General Convention of Vermont.—Rev. Nelson Bishop, of Windsor. (Mr. B. was Pastor in Clinton, Maine, 1828 to 1834). Letter read by Rev. J. J. Bulfinch, of New Castle.

General Association of Michigan.—Rev. T. P. Woodbury, of Kent. Read by Rev. T. G. Mitchell, of Madison.

General Congregational Conference of Minnesota.—Rev. Americus Fuller, of Rochester. Read by Rev. S. L. Bowler, of Hampden. (Mr. F. was Pastor in Hallowell. 1862 to 1866).

Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin.—Rev. E. W. Rice, of Milwaukee. Read by Rev. H. A. Shorey, of Old Town.

Congregational General Association of Oregon.—Rev. E. Walker, of Forest Grove, Read by Rev. C. Packard, of Waldoborough.

Annual Report of the Corresponding Secretary.

Rev. Edward F. Cutter, of Rockland, was called to the Chair, while Rev. Alfred E. Ives, as Corresponding Secretary of last year, read his synopsis of the Forty-second Annual Report of the State of the Churches, in the General Conference.

On motion of Rev. John D. Emerson, of York Conference, seconded by Rev. J. J. Bulfinch, of Lincoln Conference,—

The Report was accepted, and ordered published with the minutes.

Remarks added by Rev. Messrs. J. D. Emerson, of Biddeford, and C. H. Wheeler, Missionary.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Rev. Rowland B. Howard, of Farmington, Committee on Sabbath Schools, made a Report: an abridged form of which is here given.

The attempt made by your committee, under instruction of the Conference, to cooperate with other organizations in holding a State Sabbath School Convention, did not succeed. County Conventions were held, however, in Penobscot, Kennebec, Franklin, and Knox Counties, the latter including the town of Waldoborough. Only the first mentioned was exclusively Congregational. These Conventions were all seasons of interest, and have diffused information and developed better methods of Sabbath school work.

This work, as prosecuted by our churches, is largely among the children of American parents, in sparsely populated districts. Our city churches and mission schools are few in Maine, compared with the great majority. The Sabbath school is to the Theological Seminary what the Common school is to the College. What the Common school does for the general diffusion of intelligence, and the preparation of a broad soil for special intellectual growths and training, the Sabbath school does in the field of moral and religious culture, from which we must gather our harvest of pious students in theology, and subsequently preachers of the gospel. We need for the Sabbath school, teachers trained for their work, as much as the Common school needs teachers trained in the Normal schools. The weekly Teachers' meeting, conducted by the pastor himself, is probably the best means of preparing teachers for their duties; but Conventions, classes taught by leading Sabbath school men, and lectures are also needed to keep up the *esprit de corps*, as well as to suggest new and approved methods of teaching. * * * It is for the churches of Christ to say, whether this fountain of intellectual and moral power that asserts itself in every mart of business in every arena of politics; in all high places in science, literature and art,—and especially in the so-called learned professions, shall be kept pure, and the influences that flow forth constantly, shall bless or curse the land and world. * * *

The report, in full, is published in the Christian Mirror, July 14.

The Committee of Arrangements reported the remaining services. Adopted.

Benediction, by Rev. William W. Adams, of Connecticut.

Adjourned.

CLOSING SERVICE.

COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.

Two o'clock, p. m.

The Moderator extended an invitation to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ, and are in regular connection with any Church, in fellowship with us, to unite in observing this sacrament.

Remarks and Prayer by Rev. Philip Titcomb, of York Conference, previous to the distribution of the bread.

Remarks and Prayer by Rev. Nahum Gale, Delegate from Massachusetts, before serving the cup.

The elements were distributed by Deas. Albert Titcomb, of Bangor; Giles Shurtleff, of South Paris; S. G. Adams, of Camden; and John Fuller, of Thomaston.

The annual contribution was $35.46.

VOTE OF THANKS.

Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Searsport, introduced with appropriate remarks, the following resolution.

Resolved, That this Conference tenders its thanks to the Steamboat and Railroad Companies, and to the proprietors of the stage-lines, for their reduction of fare to those attending the meetings; to the Warden of the State-prison for his invitation to visit the home for criminals; to the Organist and Choir, for their appropriate music; to the Committee of Arrangements, for their well adapted order of exercises, so happily giving the key-note to our sessions; to the Church and Parish worshiping here; and to the christian people of all denominations, who have bid us welcome. May God bless you,—may Jesus pardon and save,—may the Holy Ghost comfort and cheer.

The resolution was unanimously adopted; to which Rev. J. K. Mason, Pastor of the Church, responded.

The Moderator added remarks.

Benediction by Rev. Thomas Adams, of Vassalborough.

Adjourned.

E. F. DUREN, *Recording Secretary.*

*** Fuller reports of the meeting of General Conference, and of the County Conference, and of many topics which are referred to in the Minutes, are published in various papers and magazines of the day; and refer-

ences have for several years been made to them, as a matter of convenience to those who might wish now, or in the future to refer to them. Except in a few instances, they have been omitted this year, agreeably to the recommendation of a committee, on page 76.

For the same reason, no reference is made to music, or hymns sung. Yet it is deemed by no means an unimportant part of the services of Conferences. Although no one who reads the foregoing report, can sympathize in the sentiments uttered in song, at any particular time, yet conference *did* endeavor to regard the injunction to "Praise God in his sanctury"—"with organ, and sound of the trumpet,"—as well as "teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

The large folio Bible in the pulpit of the church, bears this inscription:—"GENERAL KNOX, to the West Parish in THOMASTON, 1805." It is in good condition, bound in red morocco, gilt; the paper is clear, and the type large. It was printed in Philadelphia, "from the hot-press of John Thompson," 1798.

On Monday evening, July 22, a prayer meeting was held in the vestry of the church, conducted by the Pastor.

Thursday morning, at 9 o'clock, a large and interesting meeting of ladies was held in the vestry, at which Mrs. C. H. Wheeler, of the Harport Mission, in Turkey, made many statements of great value, touching their work in the field,—giving also vivid pictures of Oriental life.

Thursday evening,—a meeting was held in the church, especially in behalf of the Sabbath school, and the youth; at which, remarks were made by Rev. S. W. Hanks, of Boston, illustrated by his charts; Rev. Professor H. Q. Butterfield, of Kansas; and Rev. R. B. Howard, of Farmington. Rev. Messrs. S. H. Hayes, of S. Weymouth, Mass., and Rev. J. K. Mason, conducted the devotional exercises.

Singing by the choir, and the children.

Friday morning, June 26. A prayer meeting was held in the church at 5½ o'clock; conducted by Rev. David Garland, of Bethel. After the usual exercises, parting words were spoken by the leader; Rev. Messrs S. Clark, of Wolfborough, N. H.; S. H. Hayes, of Massachusetts; and J. K. Mason, of Thomaston. Closing prayer, by Rev. Joseph Blake, of New Hampshire. Each of the brethren from abroad were formerly connected with this Conference.

On Friday afternoon, W. W. Rice, Esq., the Warden of the State Prison made arrangements for an address on Temperance, in the chapel of the prison, by Rev. S. W. Hanks, illustrated by his large maps of the Black Valley Railroad. It was received with marked attention, and ready responses at telling points.

ABSTRACT OF THE FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT.

The life of our churches, the growing strength or declension of that life, consists in that which cannot be directly ascertained and reported. There is an exterior development, some certain elements of which we can record, yet that record often fails to give the true condition of the inner spiritual life. That may be increasing when figures do not indicate it, even when reported statistics may show decline. The growth of numbers may not always coincide with the increase of godliness. A church all the while decreasing in membership, may have a constant absolute growth of the spirit of Christ, and be increasing in its conservative and aggressive power in the world. Perhaps the very fact of its lessening numbers may be a stimulus to its energy, as the growth of membership may weaken the sense of individual responsibility. Without doubt, the large numbers of certain churches, while embodying much moral power, have a tendency to inertness. The manual of arms and soldierly drill, are better learned by the separate practice of companies, than by brigades and divisions. One thousand disciples of Christ, organized in one church, may have increased power, in certain directions, because they are one body. But if broken up into ten churches, their sense of individual responsibility is greatly increased; the effort necessary to sustain ten church organizations will be more than ten times greater. There will be more activity, more self-denial, more growth, more absolute strength. There will be more strong minds, strong hearts and strong hands in those ten feeble churches, struggling for life, and made strong by the struggle, than in the compacted thousand. If you would find strong men, and strong women,— strong in love and faith and active obedience,— self-denying and efficient as christians, you may find them in our larger churches,— but in still greater proportion they make up the membership of our feebler churches. If the twenty thousand members of our two hundred and fifty churches were consolidated into forty churches, of five hundred members each, they would stand in beauty like queenly palaces — perhaps something to be proud of. This might be the condition we would prefer. But He who was with the church in the wilderness, and who still walks in the midst of the golden candlesticks, finds more of spiritual beauty, and more of strength, in the multitude of our feebler churches, even though in their weakness they must often struggle for a bare existence. In the true estimate, it is not a matter of discouragement that, with a given membership, so many of our

churches are small. This arrangement is the divine method of promoting the spiritual life of his children.

We can only report outward developments, which are not always a true index of the inward life. It is possible that in a season of revival there may be no more progress, no more work that is efficient for Christ's cause,— perhaps even less,— than in the interval when none are converted. We estimate the value of any work somewhat according to our enjoyment of it. The breaking up of the fallow ground, the casting in of the precious seed,— the sower weeping as he goes,— the patient and prayerful waiting for the early and the latter rain, for the springing up and growing of the corn; this is doing the master's work not less than the gathering in of the sheaves: it may call for much more of constancy and faith. Who knows any thing of weariness in the gladness and song of the vintage, and amid the shoutings of the harvest home? Let not the weary laborer, waiting and watching his harvest slow in maturing, be despondent: his field shall have its harvest time, joyful with the song of the reapers. Both he that soweth and he that reapeth shall rejoice together. In those seasons when no accessions are made to our churches, it is possible that the inward life may be increasing. In certain instances the bare maintenance of itself may involve more life and prosperity in a church, than much increase from without, in other cases.

There are causes operating in Maine, which tend to prevent the increase of our church membership. In large proportion our churches border on the sea, or on navigable waters. The depression of our commercial interests, and particularly of our commercial marine, is felt sensibly by Maine. The business of our numerous ship-yards is affected. This influence bearing on our business, and tending to diminish our population, may be temporary. But another influence, of like tendency, is more permanent: the tide of emigration flows steadily outward. And it is not the old and established inhabitants, so much as the young and the enterprising, that are carried away, from our townships and churches. We raise seed-wheat for other fields. We yield something of our life-blood to give strength to others. There are feeble churches in our state, barely sustained, perhaps declining, which are raising up and educating those who go forth to constitute the strength of flourishing churches in other parts of the land. The springs among the hills, sparkling and fresh, are more full, because they are ever giving forth their waters to refresh the valleys. If many of our churches only sustain themselves without increase of numbers, it is a marked prosperity that they can do this. There must be much absolute growth to sustain the constant drain.

Even the churches that dwindle, may have been prosperous and fruitful — rich in what they have given, if not in what they have retained. Could our feebler churches recall their sons and daughters, and retain them, their weakness would be turned at once to strength.

The outward manifestations of life, which are the proper subjects of report, are seen in the maintenance of religious ordinances, in the liberal support of the ministry, in those revivals of religion whose fruits are abiding, in the condition of the Sabbath School, in efforts for home evangelization, and in contributions to objects of christian benevolence.

The pecuniary cost of maintaining the ordinances of religion has increased in proportion to the general advanced valuation of property, and the greater expense of living. As the price of produce, and as wages have increased proportionally, our churches, as a whole, are as well able as heretofore to (support) meet the expense of religious ordinances. They have not, however, in most instances, taxed themselves in proportion to this increase. In other words, they are not doing proportionally as much as in former years for the support of the gospel, especially for the support of the ministry. The effect of this state of things will ultimately come back on the churches, insuring a future ministry, if not less in numbers, yet of less education and lower qualifications,— while operating at the present time as an injury to those who labor in the word.

Aroostook Conference reports a powerful revival at Fort Fairfield, numbering already some seventy-five hopeful converts. This church consists, at present, of eight resident members. Passadumkeag, another of our very feeble churches, numbering now but six members, is expecting an increase from the season of religious interest experienced there.

Cumberland Conference has been blessed with a year of general spiritual prosperity, giving already a net increase of 264 to its membership. North Yarmouth and the second church in Westbrook have been especially favored. The Bethel church in Portland has had a time of gracious visitation.

In Kennebec Conference, the churches at Waterville, Winthrop and Winslow have enjoyed a season of spiritual ingathering. Unusual religious interest and conversions are also reported at Augusta and Gardiner.

Extensive revivals of religion have also been enjoyed during the winter and spring at Holden and Hampden, in Penobscot Conference. The church at Dedham has been greatly refreshed and encouraged by many turning to the Lord.

In Piscataquis Conference, the church at Brownville observed the

week of prayer. The petitions of God's people were heard, and a work of grace commenced at that time, which still continues, as the fruit of which, sixty-three have already been received to the church, whose resident membership, before the revival, was fifty-six—the new members outnumbering the old by seven.

In Union Conference, the church in Brownfield is rejoicing in about twenty hopeful converts.

The labors of the Rev. J. U. Parsons are mentioned in connection with some of these revivals. In different parts of New England, revivals of religion, of peculiar power, are reported in connection with the labors of Evangelists. As wise men who know the times, it becomes us to learn what instrumentalities for gathering in the spiritual harvest, are blessed of God,—carefully discriminating between the chaff and the wheat. But all experience shows that wherever and whenever the truth of the gospel, plain and pointed, is continuously applied to the minds and hearts of men, and God's people penitent and humble, devote themselves to prayer, and labor for souls, there the spirit of God will be especially present, and souls will be converted.

In the work of home evangelization, two instrumentalities are now prominent. One is that of Young Mens' Christian Associations. These organizations, in different parts of our State, but especially in connection with our more populous communities, are effecting much for Christ. The benefit is two fold: these young men become a blessing to others, while their own souls, in return, are a thousand fold repaid. These associations, in their various activities, are training up strong men for still wider usefulness in coming years. The other instrumentality is that of establishing Sabbath schools in outlying districts.

In Hancock Conference, the church in Orland, consisting of sixty-four members, reports 225 Sabbath school scholars. Of this number, about 125,—a larger number than in the central school,—have been gathered in three separate schools some distance from the village. If a like work were performed by all our churches, more than 25,000 would be added to the number receiving Sabbath school instruction. It is to the younger male and female members of our churches, laboring in this field, and to the young men of our Christian Associations, that we are to look for efective work in home evangelization.

There is a remarkable discrepancy in reports of membership in most of the conferences. Cumberland reports 419 additions and 155 removals, being a gain of 264, but the whole aggregate number is given as only 44 larger than last year. Franklin received 32 during the year, and had

31 removals; but gives a whole number of 50 less instead of 1 more. Hancock, 50 additions and 32 removals, being a gain of 18, while the whole number reported is 23 more than last year. Kennebec admitted 88, against 47 removals, being a gain of 41, but the whole membership is reported as being 7 less than the year before. Lincoln and Sagadahoc admitted 72, removals 69, gain 3. Yet comparing the whole number as given this year with that of last, the increase would be 24. Oxford gained 12 members, admitting 51 against 39 removals. On the other hand it reports 71 less members than last year. Penobscot admitted 118, having 74 removals, a gain of 34. Yet she reports 7 less members than last year. Piscataquis received 72 against 15 removals, showing a gain of 59. Reported increase 52. Somerset admitted 52 and had 21 removals; gain 31. Her report of whole numbers makes the gain 53. Union received 33 against 40 removals, a loss of 7. But comparing her report of whole numbers with that of last year, the loss appears as 16. Waldo admitted 27, removals 18, gain 9, instead of a gain of 1, as appears from the whole numbers given. Washington admitted 20, removals 26, loss 6, against a loss of 24 as appears from report of whole numbers. York received 47 and had 83 removals, being a loss of 36, yet reports precisely the same aggregate number as last year. Aroostook alone is consistent in her figures, reporting the same number as last year, having had 10 additions and 10 removals.

Closely observing this remarkable discrepancy we seem to find a law moving through it. There has been a careful record by the churches of additions and removals, and these are reported, if any returns are made. But there is not a careful counting up of each year of the total membership. The detailed reports of admissions and removals show the whole number, and the change compared with last year. Evidently the aggregate number, as reported, is but an approximation to the reality.

The whole number admitted by profession, 786; by letter, 305; total 1091. Total removals, 660, making an increase of 431, which added to the total of last year, 19,830, gives the present total 20,261. Yet, notwithstanding this manifest increase, the sum of the totals reported by the different conferences is 19,878, which is but 48 more than reported last year, instead of the increase of 431, reported in detail by the several churches. If the number given last year was correct, the present aggregate membership is 20,261.

Whole number of Pastors 59; stated supplies 94. There remain 94 pulpits not regularly and fully supplied. There have been ten pastors dismissed, and fifteen installed; of whom three were ordained. Ordain-

ed and not installed, thirty-one. Average length of pastorates, seven and one-third years.

Two new churches have been organized, and one dropped from the list, making a total of 246.

In the Sabbath schools are 22,213 scholars, and the number reported last year was larger by 434.

Contributions to benevolent objects $39,654, which is $1,217 more than reported last year. Lincoln and Sagadahoc has contributed $2,277 more than last year,—thus turning the scale which otherwise would have been against us.

During the year, four of the resident ministers of Maine, Daniel Kendrick, Noah Cressey, George Shepard, of Bangor Seminary, William Smyth, of Bowdoin College, have received a summons to go up higher. The standard-bearers and captains of thousands are falling. But the Lord liveth, and blessed be our Rock.

ALFRED E. IVES.

CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS.

Office and Reading Room of the AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL UNION, Rev. Ray Palmer, Secretary, No. 49 Bible House, Astor Place, New York City. Rev. C. Cushing, Secretary, No. 16 Tremont Temple, Boston. N. A. Calkins, Treasurer, No. 146 Grand Street, New York; Rev. Leonard Bacon, of New Haven, Conn., President; Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath, Vice-President, from Maine. Object,—"To aid feeble Congregational Churches in building houses of worship." Churches in Maine aided the past year: Naples, $200; Portland (Bethel Church,) $500; Springfield and Carroll Church, $250; Temple, $350. Total $1,300.

Office of the AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Congregational Building, No. 40 Winter Street, Room No. 3, Boston. Edw. S. Tobey, Esq., of Boston, President; Rev. George E. Adams, of Brunswick, and Hon. William W. Thomas, of Portland, Vice-Presidents, from Maine. Donations and Deposits of books, &c., and donations of money, should be sent to the Corresponding Secretary and Librarian, Rev. I. P. Langworthy, 40 Winter Street, Boston. Object,—"A Congregational Library, such as is not in the world, and a suitable building to keep it in, and furnish a CONGREGATIONAL HOME."

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NECROLOGY.

The ministers who have died this year, were FORMER PASTORS.

Rev. EBER CARPENTER died suddenly, in Boston, Mass., October 21, 1867, aged 67.

Mr. C. was born in Vernon, Conn., June 24, 1800. Graduate of Yale College, 1825; Andover Seminary, 1828. Ordained Pastor of 1st church in York, February 17, 1830. Dismissed September 16, 1835. Pastor, Southbridge, Mass., December, 1835 to July, 1864. (Publisher of the National Preacher, 1853 to 1857.) In August, 1867, he had accepted a call to North Falmouth, Mass.—Congregationalist, October 24. A full report of his abundant and successful labors, especially in Southbridge, Mass., in Congregationalist, Nov. 21, 1867.

Rev. NOAH CRESSEY, died in Boston, Mass., December 15, 1867, aged 91.

Mr. C. was born in New Salem, N. H., April 9, 1777. Graduate of Williams College 1805. Studied Theology with Theophilus Packard, D. D., Shelburne, Mass. Licensed to preach by Franklin Association, August 13, 1806. Ordained, Norway, September 20, 1809. Dismissed December 7, 1819. Installed, Chapel church, North Yarmouth, October 11, 1820. Labors ceased, November, 1828: then for twenty years a Home Missionary in Vermont, New York, Michigan, and Wisconsin: Teacher in Portland and Gorham—Stated Supply in South Sanford, 1850 to 1861—Shapleigh, 1859 and 1860. Resident at Portland for several years. Funeral services at Portland December 19. A notice by T. P. published in Congregationalist and Recorder, February 6, 1868.

Rev. SAMUEL DRAKE BOWKER, died in Topeka, Kansas, February 6, 1868, aged 33

Mr. B. was born in Blanchard, Me., April 2, 1835. Resident of Monson, 14 years. Biddeford, in 1851. Prepared for College, at Phillips Academy, Mass. Graduated at Bangor Seminary, 1860. Ord. Pastor in Winthrop, October 17, 1860. Dismissed October 13, 1863. Agent of Lincoln College, Topeka, in 1865 and 1866; afterwards Professor of English Literature.

Funeral services in Topeka, February 9. He had a strong desire to be an active laborer in the vineyard, but yielded with cheerful calmness and hope to the call of the Master. While his pastor whispered in his ear the names and cases of some who were yielding their hearts to Christ, his breath came shorter, and with the eagerness of intense interest, he at last slowly whispered, "Dear brother, I cannot do much; but I'm trying to help you." His faith did not fail, but triumphed over the pains of dissolution.—Chr. Mirror, March 17.; Congregationalist, April 9. Memorial, in Minutes of Kansas Association, 1868, p. 18. Notice by W. W. D., in Congregational Quarterly, July, 1868, p. 288.

Rev. JOHN WILDE, died in Alexandria, Va., February 9, 1868, aged 64.

Mr. W's native place, was Neponset, Mass. Graduated at Middlebury College in 1827; Andover Seminary, 1831. Ordained in Grafton, Mass., June 20, 1832—remaining until 1838. In Conway, N. H., 1839 to 1845. Installed, Falmouth, 2nd church, June 4, 1845; dismissed Dec. 1, 1852. Installed in Topsham, January 4, 1853; dismissed, September 10, 1854. Agent Sabbath school Union, 1857. Teacher in Brunswick, four years; Deposit, N. Y., two years; Stamford, N. Y. Mr. W. possessed a mind of uncommon strength and originality. His sermons were clear,

logical, and pungent. He was a fine classical scholar, and successful teacher. As a pastor, much beloved. He died at the residence of his son-in-law—Gen. Spear—after an illness of two months. Funeral services were had in Alexandria, Stamford, and Marlborough. Congregationalist, March 12; Chr. Mirror, March 24.

Rev. GEORGE SHEPARD, D. D., died in Bangor, Me., March 23, 1868, aged 67.

Dr. S. was born in Plainfield, Conn., August 26, 1801. Graduated at Amherst College, 1824; Andover Seminary, 1827. Ordained Pastor, Hallowell, March 5, 1828; resigned October 9, 1836; dismissed January 2, 1838. Came to Bangor, October, 1836, being appointed Professor of Sacred Rhetoric and Lecturer on English Language, which position he held until his death. The honorary degree of S. T. D. was conferred by Bowdoin College, in 1846. In the formation of the Central church, Bangor, he took a prominent part,—and was stated supply from its organization in 1847 to 1855; and from that time, in connection with Professor Harris, until 1864. An earnest, forcible, faithful preacher. As an instructor, clear, concise, direct; eminently spiritual, as a christian. He was a frequent contributor to newspapers and periodicals, being remarkable for his criticisms and analysis of sermons, and in his biographical sketches, for just and clear delineations of character.

A pamphlet of 47 pages, on the Divinity of Christ, by Prof. S., was published in 1832. Also, several sermons subsequently, on different occasions.

Funeral services were conducted in the house by Prof. Herrick, and in the Central church, a discourse was delivered by Rev. Enoch Pond, which was published in the Chr. Mirror, of March 31. Devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. Professor Daniel S. Talcott. Rev. George W. Field, and Rev. S. P. Fay. Appropriate chants and hymns, by the choir.

Notices by Bangor Whig, March 24 and April 4; Chr. Mirror, March 24 and 31—April 14, and May 26; Boston Advertiser, March 26; Independent, April 2; Congregationalist, April 2; Resolutions of the Association of Evangelical ministers in Portland, March 30; Portland Press, April 2. Address (in memoriam) delivered by Professor D. S. Talcott, at the anniversary of Bangor Seminary, July 30, 1868, which is to be published.

WILLIAM SMYTH, D. D., died in Brunswick, April 4, 1868, aged 71.

Professor Smyth was born in Pittston, Me., February 2, 1797. His parents removed afterwards to Wiscasset, which was the home of his childhood and youth. * * * He entered Bowdoin College in junior standing, and graduated with the first honors of the class of 1822. After graduating, he spent a year at Andover, with a view to the ministry of the gospel; but in 1823, was invited to take a Proctorship, and the charge of the Freshman class, in Greek. He was then appointed tutor in Mathematics, and Natural philosophy: in 1825, adjunct Professor, and in 1828, Professor in that department. He published Mathematical Treatises, which have been text books in several institutions, and attained eminent success, as a teacher and author. He did not, however, confine himself to his official work.

Of generous sympathies and wide philanthropy, he was active and prominent in the Anti-slavery movement,—was an efficient laborer in the cause of popular education, and instrumental in promoting "the graded system" of schools in the state. He was a man of superior mental powers, of varied resources, of a self-sacrificing spirit, of great energy and perseverance in whatever he undertook, and ever ready to co-operate in any work of social or public good. For more than fifty years, he was a member of Christ's church, ever devoted to the cause he so early espoused. In 1825, he received a license to preach from the Cumberland association, and until within a few years, often preached with acceptance and power. He was, for many years, Treasurer of the Maine Branch of the Education Society. A. S. P.

The funeral services took place April 8. Reading Scriptures and prayer, by the President, Dr. Harris; address, by Rev. Professor A. S. Packard; prayer, by Rev. George E. Adams. Resolutions passed by the students in reference to his death, Portland Press, April 6. Resolutions adopted subsequently by the Alumni, and friends, Chr. Mirror, April 14. Notices in Boston Journal, April 7; Boston Advertiser, April 7; Chr. Mirror, April 7; Congregationalist, April 9. Discourse of Professor Packard, delivered July 7, at request of the Alumni, is published.—Brunswick, 37 pp. 8vo: with a portrait. Notice by A. S. P., in Cong. Q., July, 1868, pp. 229 to 243, with portrait.

Rev. WILLIAM LOOMIS MATHER, died in Andover, Mass., April 15, 1868, aged 62.

Mr. M. was born in New Britain, Conn., in July, 1806. His academic studies were pursued in Fairfield Academy, Herkimer Co., New York. Graduated at Hamilton College, New York, 1828.; Andover Seminary, 1831. Ordained, September 28, 1832. Agent of American Education Society, 1832 to 1837, having Maine under his special charge, in 1835 and 1836. Installed Pastor of Congregational church, Wiscasset, Me., July 11, 1838; dismissed, Nov. 8, 1843; Concord, Mass., 1843 to 1848; Mattapoisett, Mass., 1849 to 1855. Installed Pastor of Congregational church, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1855. At the opening of the war in 1861, he was in Wisconsin, and on the week of the battle of Bull-run, he left his parish for the army, as chaplain of the Third Wisconsin Regiment, being with the army of the Potomac through all the campaigns and marches of Gen. Pope. He was, in 1862, appointed Chaplain of the U. S. A., by President Lincoln, and stationed at Louisville, Ky.; New Albany, Ind; Willett's Point, New York, until the close of the war. He was afterwards Chaplain of a Fort in Boston Harbor.

A surgeon in the army associated with him in his hospital labors, speaks of him as "a man of deep and fervid piety, investing his whole life with a purity and love toward his fellow-men, rarely beheld." * * "He was possessed of rare abilities, yet modest, almost to diffidence." He has been in ill health for several years, and had resided at Washington, D. C., for a time. He died at his late residence, in Andover, in calm trust, and joyful hope in Christ. The funeral services were conducted in the Seminary Chapel, by two classmates, Professors Larrabee and Park. Congregationalist, June 11, 1868.

Rev. DANIEL KENDRICK, died in Wilton, Me., May 4, 1868, aged 81.

Mr. K. was born in Hollis, N. H., March 31, 1785. In the early part of his life, he was four years an apprentice in a furniture manufactory; removed to Portland, Me., in 1804, continuing in the business, to August, 1805; returned to Hollis, N. H., and commenced to prepare for College. Graduated at Brown University, 1820. Studied Theology with Rev. Abijah Wines, at Newport, N. H., and for a time, with Dr. Emmons, of Franklin, Mass. Returned to Maine, and was employed by Maine Missionary Society, to spend three months at Thomaston, Cushing, and Friendship. Licensed to preach, May, 1811, by the Orange Association of New Hampshire and Vermont. Ordained in Pittston, Me., Nov. 18, 1812. (Sermon at ordination, by Rev. E. Gillett, Hallowell; charge, by Rev. J. Ward, Alna; Right hand, by Rev. B. Tappan, Augusta.—Published in Hallowell, 1812—24 pp.) Dismissed, August 29, 1820; S. S. Litchfield, 1818 and 1819; Edgecomb, Sept. 22, 1822 to Oct. 20, 1833; Bristol, 1st church, Dec., 1835 to Dec., 1838; Lyman, Sept. 1, 1839 to Sept. 1, 1844; Bremen, 1840 and 1841; West Minot, 1847 and 1848; South Sandford, occ. 1861. He was a good, and faithful minister, sound in doctrine and consistent in practice. His sermons were plain and direct. He took a deep interest in Bible classes, and Sabbath schools, and in aiding young men in procuring an education for the ministry. When, through his *infirmities*, he retired from the active duties of the ministry, he removed to Portland,

and in the autumn of 1867, to Wilton, to reside with a daughter, the widow of Rev. John Baker, formerly of Monson and Wilton. The funeral services, May 6, were held in the church. Rev. Mr. Mitchell, of the Methodist church, and Rev. Isaac Rogers, of Farmington, offered prayer; Rev. John Lawrence, of Wilton, preached a discourse; Rev. Isaac Weston, of Cumberland, added remarks.—L. W. Chr. Mirror, May 19.

Rev. WILLIAM ALLEN, D. D., third President of Bowdoin College, died in Northampton, Mass., July 16, 1868. Aged 84.

Dr. Allen was born in Pittsfield, Mass., January 2, 1784. His mother was Elizabeth Lee, a descendant of Gov. William Bradford, of Plymouth. His father, a descendant of Samuel Allen, a deacon of the church in Northampton, during the whole time of Jonathan Edwards' ministry, and always his firm friend. Dr. A. graduated at Harvard College, in 1802. For a few years, regent in that college. Afterward, assisted Dr. Morse, in the Panoplist. In 1809, he published his Am. Biographical Dictionary. The third Ed. much enlarged, in 1857. Ordained, Pastor in Pittsfield, Mass., Oct. 20, 1810—the successor of his father;—remaining there until 1817. Elected President Dartmouth College, 1817 to 1820. President of Bowdoin College, from 1820 to 1839. Since which, he has been residing in Northampton, Mass. In 1849, he attended, as delegate, the great Peace Congress, in Paris. The new American Encyclopedia, contains a notice of President Allen, and of his publications. Cong., July 23—Ch. Mir., July 28.

JOHN CALHOUN CHAMBERLAIN, died in Castine, August 10, 1867, aged 29.

Mr. C. was born in Brewer, August 31, 1838. Graduated at Bowdoin College, in 1859; Bangor Seminary, 1864. Appointed Chaplain 11th Maine,—afterwards, a delegate of the Christian Commission, during the late war, doing important service at the battle of Gettysburg. Subsequently he entered upon the work of the ministry in New York; but disease compelled him to close his ministerial labors, and turn his attention to secular duties. He obtained an appointment as Inspector, under Government, in New York city, and he remained there until disabled by sickness. Though brief his life, that life revealed in him all that was true and great in man,—of faith, which told of love.—Bangor Whig, Sept. 7, 1867. Cong. Qr., July, 1868—pp. 283-4.—W. W. D.

GEORGE H. KIMBALL, died in Cambridge-port, Mass., March 26, 1868, aged 28.

Mr. K. spent two years in Bangor Seminary, and a portion of the past year with the Senior class Yale Theological Seminary. Resolutions of the Class, in Congregationalist, April 9. Notice, by J. E. T., Cong., April 23. A loving, earnest, faithful disciple of Christ.

ADDITIONAL NOTICES.

Of Rev. Jonathan Fisher, (graduated at Harvard College, 1792), in a letter from Rev. Enoch Pond, D. D., of Bangor, read at a meeting of the New England Historical and Genealogical Society, April 3, 1867,—and noticed in their Quarterly Register, July, 1867, p. 296. (Mr. Fisher died in Bluehill, Sept. 22, 1847, aged 79.)

Rev. David Thurston.—A sketch, in memoriam, with a portrait, is published in Cong. Quar., Oct., 1867, pp. 313 to 328. The same is published with large type, on tinted paper, with a portrait, adding the sermon he preached at the dedication of the meeting-house in Litchfield Corner, Feb. 12, 1863, and a letter to Dea. Chapman. 80 pp.

8vo. Printed by B. Thurston & Co., Portland, 1867. (Dr. T. died in Litchfield, May 7, 1865, aged 86. Minutes, 1865, p. 41.)

Rev. Nathan Douglas.—Notice by Rev. George Shepard, of Bangor, in Cong. Quar., Oct., 1867, p. 376-7. (Mr. D. died in Bangor, Dec. 16, 1866, aged 80. Minutes, 1867, p. 100.

Rev. Clement Parker.—Notice by R. M. S., in Cong. Quar., Oct., 1867, p. 379:—New Eng. His. and Genealogical Register, July, 1867, p. 289; and in New Hampshire Minutes, 1867, p. 27. (Mr. P. died in Farmington, N. H., Feb. 25, 1867, aged 85. Minutes, 1867, p. 98)

Rev. Benjamin G. Willey.—Notice in Cong. Quar., Oct., 1867, p. 381. New Hampshire Minutes, 1867, p. 28. (Mr. W. died in East Sumner, April 17, 1867, aged 71. Minutes, 1867, p. 99.)

BIBLE SOCIETIES IN MAINE.

BIBLE SOCIETIES.	PLACE OF DEPOSITORY.	BY WHOM KEPT.
Aroostook County	Houlton	Charles P. Tenney.
Bangor Young Men's	Bangor	E. F. Duren.
Bath, and vicinity	Bath	W. F. Gannett.
Brunswick	Brunswick	Rev. George C. Crawford.
Bucksport, union	Bucksport	Edward Swasey.
Castine, &c., union	Castine	Samuel Adams.
Cumberland County	Portland	Bailey & Noyes.
Deer Isle	Deer Isle	H. R. Haskell.
Eastern Maine Association	Bluehill	D. Faulkner.
Franklin County.	Farmington	Rev. John Allen.
Hancock and Union River	Ellsworth	J. W. Jones.
Kennebec County	Augusta	Edward Fenno.
Lewiston and Auburn	Lewiston	T. M. Varney.
Lincoln County	Warren	I. P. Starrett.
Oxford Conference	South Paris	O. C. Bolster.
Piscataquis County	Dover	Mrs. Crocker.
Saco	Saco	M. Lock.
Skowhegan Young Men's	Skowhegan	Tilson Dinsmore.
Somerset County	Norridgewock	George Sawtelle.
Union Conference	Waterford	Rev. John A. Douglass.
Waldo County	Belfast	J. S. Caldwell.
Washington County	Dennysville	Rev. C. Whittier.
York County	Alfred	William G. Conant.

There are also Depositories in Gardiner, Biddeford, and Levant.

SAMUEL H. MERRILL, *Agent American Bible Society.*

PORTLAND, July, 1868.

District Secretary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions,—Rev. WILLIAM WARREN, of Gorham.

Receiving Agents of the Board, in Maine.,—Bangor, E. F. Duren; Hallowell, Simon Page; Portland, E. S. Hoyt; Saco, S. L. Goodale.

Annual meeting of the Board in Norwich, Conn., Oct. 6, 1868.

CORRECTION.—The next meeting of the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, will be held in Sheffield, N. B., St. John River, on Friday, September 4, 1868.

[redacted]e address of Ministers will be found at the end of the Minutes. In donations, fractions of dollars are omitted.

EXPLANATIONS.—S. S. STATED SUPPLY. M. A. MINISTERIAL AGE. P. A. PASTORAL AGE.

AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, second Saturday and Sunday in June.—Organized in Houlton, Jan. 22, 1846.—Semi-Annual Meeting, third Saturday and Sunday in September.

Churches.	1868 May 4.	Ministers.					Ch. Mem., May 4, 1868.							Admitted.—1867.—Removed.				Baptized.		
Place and Name.	Name.	Name.	Ordained.	Inst. or S.S.	M. A.	P. A.	Male.	Fem	Tot	Ab.	Prf.	Let-	ot	Dth	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	S.Sch	Cont
Burlington,	1827, July 12	Vacant.					10	15	25	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	$25
Carroll and Springfield,	1846, Mar. 15	Chas. H. Emerson, s.s	1857, Dec. 16	1865,			8	12	20	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	40	13
Fort Fairfield,	1843, Oct. 9	Frank. D. Austin, s.s.	1853, Jun. 23	1867, July 14			2	8	10	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	0	0	75	00
Hodgdon and Linneus,	1845, Sept. 25	Vacant.					6	8	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	00
Houlton,	1833, Jan. 14	Vacant.					2	18	20	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	99	00
Island Falls,	1859, Sept. 21	Wm. T. Sleeper, s. s.	1854, Jun. 29	1860 Nov. 18			10	9	19	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	2
Lee,	1863, July 10	Chas. Emerson, s. s.	1857, Dec 16	1863, July 11	11		6	11	17	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	70	7
Lincoln,	1836, Aug. 3	E. G. Drake, s. s.	Licentiate.	1867, 2 mos.			5	23	28	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	36
Passadumkeag,	1845, March 1	Vacant.					1	5	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	00
Patten,	1845, March 1	Wm. T. Sleeper, s. s.	1854, Jun. 29	1860, Nov. 1			19	37	56	9	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	50	20
Presque Isle,	1865, July 25	Frank. D. Austin, s.s.	1853, Jun. 23	1867, July 14	15		6	7	13	4	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	8
Sherman (Washburn Mem..)	1861, May 29	Wm. T. Sleeper, s. s.	1854, Jun. 29	1869, Oct. 29	14		29	35	64	2	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	†100	10
Twelve.		*4 S. S. Av. 4 years.*		*Av. Min. $*	*Past'l age,*		13		104	188	292	48	0	10	10	4	3	3	10	0	1	654	$121

† Three Sabbath Schools.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Rev. Ephraim Fobes, Patten, ordained October 22, 1834; Rev. Elbridge Knight, Maple Grove, ordained Sept. 13, 1843.

No SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING was held last Autumn.

The TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING in Fort Fairfield, June 13, 14, 1868. Deacon D. N. Rogers, of Patten, *Moderator*.—Preachers, Rev. Franklin D. Austin and Rev. William T. Sleeper.—A revival has been in progress at Fort Fairfield, resulting in 70 to 80 conversions, which rendered the session unusually interesting. Sacramental season was observed.

In Presque Isle, a church bell, organ and clock, have been secured. The bell is the first that has been heard within an area of forty miles. Much interest felt in the progress of the principles of Congregationalism.

In Sherman, efforts are making for a church edifice, costing $4000; towards which, $2,400 is already pledged; of which, $1,400 is subscribed by the people in Sherman—who have also paid $700 towards a parsonage.

Religious interest has existed, to some extent, in Passadumkeag.

Rev. F. D. Austin, of Presque Isle, supplies the fourth Sabbath in each month, in Fort Fairfield. Rev. Wm. T. Sleeper, closed labors in Patten, July 11, 1868.

R. E. Osgood, has been called to Houlton, July, 1868.

Rev. Marcus R. Keep, of Ashland, has joined the Episcopal Church.

Rev. Franklin D. Austin, of Presque Isle, *Scribe* and *Treasurer* of Conference.

MATTANAWC OK ASSOCIATION, formed in Enfield, Dec. 15, 1851, meets the day preceding the Annual and Semi-Annual meeting of Conference.

CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, Tuesday, before second Wednesday in June.—Organized in Gorham, Dec. 24, 1822.—Semi-Annual Meeting, Tuesday, before second Wednesday in January.

Churches.		1868, May 4.		Ministers.		Ch. Mem., May 4, 1868.		Admitted.—1867.—Removed.						Baptized.							
Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Inst. or S. S.	M. A	P. A	Male.	Fem	Tot	Abs	Prf.	Let	Tot	Dth	Dis.	Ex.	Tot	Ad	Inf.	S Sch	Cont.
Auburn,	1826, Feb. 28	Henry L. Hall,	1861, Oct. 28	1868, Jan. 23	7		91	173	264	0	32	6	38	1	7	0	8	0	0	310	8660
Auburn, West,	1844, May 8	Alpha Morton, s. s.	1844, Feb. 13	1863, April 2	24		71	92	163	46	0	2	2	4	0	0	4	0	0	95	173
Baldwin,	1821, May	Vacant.	no ordinance	As last year			4	11	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	4
Brunswick,	1747, June	George E. Adams,	1829, Feb. 25	1829, Dec. 30	39	39	84	203	287	90	24	9	33	6	8	0	14	17	4	200	775
Cape Elizabeth,	1739, Nov. 10	Henry M. Vaill, s. s.	1861, Aug. 14	1865, May 21	7		4	23	27	2	4	0	4	2	0	0	2	4	0	80	75
Cumberland,	1793, Sept. 15	Ebenezer S. Jordan, s.s	1857, Dec. 17	1859, Sept. 15	11		46	109	155	10	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	4	125	150
Durham,	1796, March 9	Amos F. Shattuck, s.s	Licentiate.	1867.			15	32	47	10	11	5	16	2	0	0	2	3	0	40	25
Falmouth, 1st,	1754,	John C. Adams, s. s.	1851, Aug. 19	1859, Feb. 13	17		33	96	129	17	2	1	3	4	1	0	5	0	0	100	92
Falmouth, 2d,	1830, Sept. 15	Edward C. Miles, s.s.	1869, June 28	1896, July 11	8		28	70	98	34	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	50	127
Freeport, 1st,	1787, Dec. 21	Benj. T. Sanborn, s.s.	1864, Feb. 4	1865, May 20	4		34	110	146	18	1	0	1	3	2	0	5	1	0	90	50
Freeport, South,	1357, July 9	Horatio Ilsley, s. s.	1837, Oct. 26	1868, April 1			34	49	83	15	1	0	1	1	5	0	6	1	0	65	20
Gorham,	1750, April 4	Chas. C. Parker, P. el.	1848, Oct. 4	1858.	20		56	170	226	50	14	13	27	3	1	0	4	11	2	180	400
Gray,	1803, Oct. 25	Ebenezer Bean,	1862, Mar. 25	1863, Jan. 1	6	5	18	48	66	3	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	74	80
Harpswell,	1753,	Vacant.					16	49	65	16	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	4	25	15
Lewiston, Pine St.,	1854, Aug. 8	Uriah Balkam,	1841, June 15	1856, Jan. 30	27	12	86	227	313	4	60	21	81	1	10	0	11	46	3	270	440
Mechanic Falls,	1840, June 15	Vacant.					9	17	26	7	1	1	2	0	4	0	4	0	0	30	90
Minot,	1791, Sept. 8	Elijah Jones,	1823, Feb. 12	1823, Feb. 12	45	45	40	85	125	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	115
Minot, West, & Hebron,	1802, Oct. 28	Horatio Ilsley, s. s.	1837, Oct. 26	1894, April 14	30		21	33	54	2	0	1	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	50	53
New Gloucester,	1765, Jan. 16	Wellington R. Cross,	1865, Sept. 7	1865, Sept. 7	3	3	63	119	182	22	1	12	13	0	0	0	0	1	1	160	213
North Yarmouth,	1806, Sept. 30	Nathan F. Carter, s.s.	1867, Dec. 19	1867, July 1	1		53	86	139	14	42	4	46	1	0	0	1	28	0	187	190
Poland,	1825, Nov. 2	Vacant.		As last year			5	18	23	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	90
Portland, High St.,	1841, Sept. 9	William H. Fenn,	1859, Feb. 20	1866, July 25	9	2	114	256	370	25	3	9	12	7	12	1	20	2	2	328	3300
Portland, State St.,	1852, Mar. 17	Vacant.					95	248	343	30	4	8	12	3	2	0	5	2	0	400	2960
Portland, 2nd,	1788, Mar. 17	John J. Carruthers,	1819, June 8	1846, Aug. 9	49	22	70	278	348	31	0	3	3	5	2	0	7	0	0	160	300
Portland, 3rd,	1825, Sept. 9	Vacant.					56	154	210	0	0	0	0	4	8	0	12	0	0	90	105
Portland, 4th, (colored)	1835, Aug. 7	J. W. C. Pennington, ss	1838, May 12	1866, Dec. 2	30		4	9	13	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	14	200
Portland, W. Cong.'l,	1862, Sept. 17	Geo. A. Tewksbury,	1863, Dec. 21	1863, Dec. 21	5	5	16	40	56	7	13	1	14	1	4	0	5	11	0	200	100
Portland, Central,	1856, Jan. 24	Benjamin M. Frink,	1862, Dec.	1868, April 9	6		81	184	265	25	1	2	3	6	2	0	8	1	0	180	125
Portland, Bethel,	1840, Sept. 24	Francis Southworth,	1857, Oct. 28	1866, June 11	11	2	42	44	86	20	23	5	28	0	0	0	0	12	6	200	15
Portland, St. Law. St.,	1858, Feb. 19	Vacant.					30	50	80	20	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	200	183
Pownal,	1811, Mar. 20	Charles L. Nichols,	1861, Nov. 7	1866, June 5	7	2	28	62	90	8	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	1	80	62
Scarborough,	1728, June 26	Leon. W. Harris, s. s.	1842, Nov. 2	1866, Sept. 1	26		36	51	87	13	8	0	8	2	0	0	2	4	2	75	108
Standish,	1834, Feb. 5	Sam'l Hopkins, s. s.	1831, Oct. 25	1866, March 1	37		5	43	48	19	3	1	4	1	2	0	3	1	0	44	41
Westbrook, 1st.,	1868, April 8	Vacant.					9	21	30	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	70	50
Westbrook, 2nd,	1832, Jan. 17	Joseph Danielson,	1865, Aug. 9	1865, Aug. 9	3	3	42	75	117	8	44	4	48	0	4	0	4	29	9	200	190
Windham,	1743, Dec. 14	Luther Wiswall,	1837, Aug. 12	1854, Sept. 20	31	14	8	50	58	14	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	2	0	101	45
Yarmouth, 1st,	1730, Nov. 17	George A. Putnam,	1860, Nov. 14	1860, Nov. 14	8	8	51	131	182	12	5	6	11	4	1	0	5	4	5	200	607
Yarmouth, Central,	1859, April 27	Jacob J. Abbott,	1845, Aug. 27	1865, Oct. 19	23	3	22	55	77	5	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	2	120	292
Thirty-eight.		*16 Pas. 13 S.S.=29*		*Av. Mins. and*	*Pastoral age,*		1522	3571	5093	607	302	117	419	75	78	2	155	182	48	3743	12,280

Average Stated Supply, 4 years.

MINISTERS WITHOUT PASTORAL CHARGE.

NAMES.	ORDAINED.	RESIDENCE.	Min. isterl Age.
Silas Baker	1831, Dec.	Standish	37
Samuel Harris, President of Bowdoin College	1841, Dec. 22	Brunswick	27
Amasa Loring	1842, June 15	Yarmouth	26
Samuel H. Merrill, Agent Am. Bible Society	1831, Feb. 22	Portland	37
John H. Mordugh	1836, May 18	Minot	32
Alpheus S. Packard, Prof. in Bowdoin College	1850, May 16	Brunswick	18
Edward N. Packard, *Licentiate*	1866, May 1	Brunswick	
James M. Palmer	1854, May 23	Portland	14
George A. Perkins, Family School for Boys	1854, May 26	Gorham	14
John M. Putnam	1820, Dec. 13	Yarmouth	48
John S. Sewall, Prof. in Bowdoin College	1859, Apr. 20	Brunswick	19
Jotham B. Sewall, Prof. in Bowdoin College	1855, Feb. 28	Brunswick	13
David Shepley	1829, Feb. 18	Yarmouth	39
Charles Soule	1824, June 18	Portland	44
Henry G. Storer	1850, Mar. 30	Oak Hill	18
William Warren, District Sec'y A. B. C. F. M.	1840, Feb. 13	Gorham	28
Isaac Weston	1818, June 10	Cumberland Center	50
James Weston	1824, Feb. 17	Standish	44
Eliphalet Whittlesey	1851, Oct. 1	Washington, D. C.	17

Average Ministerial age of the above nineteen, twenty-eight years.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING held with Second church, Westbrook, in Saccarappa, January 7, 8, 1868 Rev. Horatio Isley, of West Minot, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, Rev. John J. Carruthers, John 18: 37—Christ, a King. Closing Sermon, Rev. George A. Tewksbury, 1 Cor. 5: 7—Christ, our Passover. *Topics of Remarks:* Christian Responsibility, as relating to the Family, Church, Sabbath School, Temperance; Evangelizing the Community, the World; the Bible; Seamen, Freedmen, Heathen. Rev. C. H. Wheeler, of the Harpoot Mission, was present, and introduced the last topic. Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Charles Morgridge, of South Freeport, and Rev. Nathan F. Carter, of North Yarmouth.

FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING, in Freeport, June 9, 10, 1868. Rev. George E. Adams, of Brunswick, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, Rev. John S. Sewall, of Bowdoin College, 2 Peter, 1: 4—Partakers of the Divine nature. Closing Sermon, Rev. John J. Carruthers, of Portland, Romans 16: 7. *General Topic for Discussion:* A Model Church—implying a working, praying, giving, Church—one which trains the children, for God—a church ready for every sacrifice. A Committee was appointed to consider the subject of mutual Church action, in reference to protracted meetings, which formerly were much blessed. Closed with the ordinance of the Lord's Supper.

NATHAN FRANKLIN CARTER, (Dartmouth, 1853—Bangor, 1865,) stated supply in North Yarmouth, from July 1, 1867, ordained Evangelist, North Yarmouth, Dec. 19 1867. Introductory Services, Rev. Charles L. Nichols, of Pownal, *Scribe of Council;* Sermon, Rev. George A. Putnam, of North Yarmouth—Neh. 4: 6; Ordaining Prayer, Rev. Ebenezer Bean, of Gray; Charge to Pastor, Rev. John J. Abbott, of Yarmouth, *Moderator of Council;* Right-hand, Rev. Ebenezer S. Jordan, of Cumberland; Closing Prayer, Rev. H. A. Hart, (Baptist) of Yarmouth; Benediction, Rev. Nathan F. Carter.

Rev. HENRY LEWIS HALL, of Rockville, Conn., (Yale, 1860—Theological course, Yale, and Prussia,) installed Pastor High-street church, Auburn, Jan. 23, 1868. Introductory Services, Rev. Alpha Morton, of West Auburn; Sermon, and Right-hand, Rev. George W. Field, of Bangor, Installing Prayer, Rev. Elijah Jones, of Minot; Charge to Pastor, Rev. Uriah Balkham, of Lewiston; Address to People, Rev. John J. Abbott, of Yarmouth; Concluding Prayer, Rev. A. H. Heath of Auburn.

Rev. BENJAMIN M. FRINK, of North Vernon, N. H., installed Pastor Central church, Portland, April 9, 1868. Introductory Services, Rev. Ebenezer Bean, of Gray, *Scribe of Council:* Prayer, Rev. George A. Tewksbury, of Portland; Sermon, President Samuel Harris, of Bowdoin College, 1 Thess. 5: 19; Installing Prayer, Rev. John S. Sewall, of Brunswick; Charge to Pastor, Rev. U. Balkham, of Lewiston, *Moderator of Council;* Right-hand, Rev. William H. Fenn, of Portland; Address to People, Rev. William Warren, of Gorham.

AMOS FRANKLIN SHATTUCK, stated supply in Durham, from Dec. 1, 1867, ordained Evangelist, Durham, June 3, 1868. Reading Scriptures, Rev. William Strout, (Methodist); Prayer, Rev. Henry L. Hall, of Auburn, *Moderator of Council:* Sermon, and Ordaining Prayer, Professor Alpheus S. Packard, of Brunswick; Charge to Pastor, Rev. Charles. L. Nichols, of Gray; Right-hand, Rev. C. A. Cooke, (Baptist); Address to People, Professor Richard C. Stanley, of Bates College, Lewiston; Concluding Prayer, Rev. G. E. Tucker, of Durham, (Baptist). Mr. S. graduated, Amherst, 1859; Union Seminary, 1862.

Rev. GEORGE LEON WALKER preached in State-street church, Portland, Oct. 13, and renewed his request for a Council in reference to his dismission, on account of his health. Council met October 21—Rev. John C. Adams, of Falmouth, *Moderator:* Rev. George A. Tewksbury, of Portland, *Scribe.* Record of the Council dismissing Mr. W.; letter of Pastor; action of the Church and Parish thereon; and report of Revs. George E. Adams, George A. Putnam, and William H. Fenn Committee of Council, were published. Mr. W. received subsequently, a gift of $1300, from

FRANKLIN CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, Tuesday previous to second Wednesday in June.—Organized in Strong, January 15, 1839.

Churches. Place and Name.	Organized.	1868, May 4. Ministers. Name.	Ordained.	Inst. or S. S.	M. A.	P. A.	Ch. Mem., May 4, 1868. Admitted.—1867.—Removed. Baptised. Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs	Prf.	Let.	Tot.	Dth	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	S.Sch	Cont.
Chesterville		No ordinances.					7	13	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	$ 0
Farmington	1790, Feb. 25	Rowland B. Howard,	1860, Oct. 11	1860, Oct. 11	8	8	66	139	205	11	6	4	10	2	4	1	7	4	1	225	400
Farmington Falls	1859, Oct. 9	Isaac Rogers, s.s. ½	1826, March 8	1865, Nov. 1	42		3	9	12	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	40	0
Industry	1868, March 9	John Lawrence, s.s. ½	1848, Aug. 5	1867.	20		22	19	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	118	25
New Sharon	1801, July 4	Horace Toothaker	1861, Sept. 5	1864, Oct. 19	7	4	50	92	142	30	0	2	2	2	2	0	4	0	1	100	110
New Vineyard	1830, April 4	John Lawrence, s.s. ½	1848, Aug. 5	1867.			10	12	22	0	0	2	2	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	7
Phillips	1822, Oct. 9	Vacant.					13	16	29	14	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	40	0
Strong	1810, March 3	J. Loring Pratt, s.s.	1867, Nov. 7	1866, Oct. 20	1		45	64	109	45	0	1	1	2	2	0	4	0	0	125	200
Temple	1805, Sept. 19	Simeon Hackett, s.s.	1830, July 7	1857, June 1	38		19	39	58	7	5	0	5	1	0	0	1	3	0	75	27
Weld	1809, Aug. 17	C. Hamblin, s.s. 4 mos. / T. J. Valentine, 2 mos.	Licentiates.				26	33	59	3	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	0	100	28
Wilton	1819, Feb. 10	Jonas Burnham, s.s.	1858, July 28	1866, April 22	10		37	52	89	25	6	6	12	2	3	0	5	1	0	85	150
Eleven.		*2 Pastors, 8 S.S.=10*	*Av. Mins. and*	*Pastoral age.*	20	6	298	488	786	136	17	15	32	13	17	1	31	8	2	908	$ 947

† Average age, Stated Supply 3 years.

Twenty-ninth Annual Meeting in Temple, June 9, 10, 1868—Dea. J. P. Thwing, of New Sharon, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, Rev. Isaac Rogers, Luke 22:54—Peter followed afar off; Conference Sermon, Rev. Horace Toothaker, Act. 9:15—A chosen vessel. *Subjects for discussion:* 1. How shall we bring the young to Christ. 2. Ought Christians to devote as much as one-tenth of their income to religious and charitable uses? 3. How can we make our prayer meetings more useful. 4. How shall we labor most effectually for the world's conversion—how do this, by Foreign Missions; Home Missions; Home Evangelization; Revivals. 5. What particular sins call at this time for special reprehension, by the church and ministry. 6. Desecration of the Sabbath; licentiousness; divorces. Administration of the Lord's Supper, Rev. Jonas Burnham, and Rev. Stephen Titcomb.

J. Loring Pratt, (Bangor Seminary, 1864.) ordained Evangelist, in Strong, Nov. 7, 1867. Invocation, and Reading the Scriptures, Rev. M. Lamprey, of Phillips; Hymn, Rev. M. Hutchins, of Freeman; Sermon, and Ordaining Prayer, Rev. Isaac Rogers; Charge to Pastor, Rev. Jonas Burnham, *Moderator of Council:* Right-hand, Rev. Horace Toothaker; Address to People, and Prayer, Rev. Rowland B. Howard, *Scribe of Council;* Benediction, Rev. J. L. Pratt.

The new **Meeting-house**, in Temple, dedicated Nov. 15, 1867. Invocation, and Reading the Scriptures, Rev. Simeon Hackett, Pastor; Sermon, Rev. Rowland B. Howard, Haggai 2:9—"The glory of this latter house," &c.; Dedicating Prayer, Rev. Isaac Rogers; Statement of Trustees and Building Committee—cost about $2200; Prayer of Thanksgiving, Rev. M. Wellman; Anthems and Hymns interspersed.

The church in Wilton, propose to repair and renovate their meeting-house, June, 1868.

Rev. Isaac Rogers took part in the Centennial celebration of the North church, Newburyport, Mass., January, 1868, of which he was a member.

Rev. John Lawrence, stated supply, in Industry, 1867. Seth Bass, a layman, in Wilton.

Second Annual Meeting, Franklin County Sabbath School Convention, in Wilton, October 9, 1867—I. W. Merrill, Esq., of Farmington, *President*. Six topics discussed. Next meeting in New Sharon, October, 1868.

Dea. C. D. Sewall, of Farmington, *Scribe of Conference;* Rev. J. Loring Pratt, of Strong, *Reporter;* Dea. John Titcomb, of Farmington, *Treasurer*. Next meeting in Wilton, June 8, 9, 1869.

Franklin County (Union) Association, organized March 1, 1864—meets on the first Tuesday in January, and each alternate month succeeding. It embraces ministers of all the Evangelical denominations in the county. Rev. Rowland B. Howard, of Farmington, *Scribe*.

HANCOCK CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, first Tuesday in June.—Organized in Bucksport, May 10, 1825.—Semi-Annual Meeting in October.

Churches.	1868, May 4.		Ministers.					Ch. Mem., May 4, 1868.							Admitted.—1867.				Removed.		Baptised.	
lace and Name.	Organized.		Name.	Ordained.		Inst. or S. S.		M. A.	P. A.	Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs	Prf.	Let.	Tot.	Dth	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	S. Sch	Cont.
herst and Aurora.	1830, Sept.	14	Henry S. Loring, s.s.	1850, June	20	1867, Nov.	24	22		9	14	23	3	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	85	$ 40
shill.....	1772, Oct.	7	Vacant.							40	77	117	0	2	0	2	1	2	0	3	1	0	79	66
oksville, West....	1826, Jan.	6	William W. Dow, s.s.	1866, May	23	1866, April	22	2		36	51	87	7	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	70	26
ksport.....	1773, May	1	George P. Tyler, s.s.	1841.		1868, April	5	27		35	91	126	26	14	1	15	2	1	0	3	0	1	160	450
ine.....	1820, July	26	Alfred E. Ives,	1838, Sept.	25	1855, Jan.	20	30	13	20	72	92	9	0	0	0	2	4	0	6	0	1	120	320
r Isle, First.....	1773, May	1	Hiram Houston, s.s.	1850, Sept.	25	1868, April	5	17		60	125	185	12	3	0	3	4	3	0	7	1	1	175	85
r Isle, Second....	1858, Dec.	1	Samuel S. Drake, s.s.	1834, Oct.	15	1867, June	9	34		17	23	40	3	8	0	8	0	2	0	2	7	0	40	16
worth.....	1812, Sept.	8	Sewall Tenney,	1831, Aug.	10	1835, Nov.	11	37	33	25	81	106	23	0	2	2	4	0	0	4	0	2	125	200
of Haut, (Ev.)...	1857, May	7	Joshua Eaton, s.s.	1841, Dec.	1	1857, May	7	27		3	12	15	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	30	5
nd.....	1850, Sept.	25	Geo. N. Marden, s.s.	1862, Oct.	2	1865, Oct.	22	6		15	49	64	7	5	1	6	2	1	0	3	4	0	†225	190
gwick and } oksville }	1793, July	8	Vacant.							12	18	30	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	5
gwick Village...	1848, Oct.	28	Vacant.							10	19	29	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
mont & Mt. Desert	1782, Oct.	17	David S. Hibbard, s.s.	1860, July	26	1866, April	1	8		34	78	112	30	11	0	11	1	1	0	2	6	3	200	16
Thirteen.			*2 Pastors. 8 S.S.=10*	*Av. Mins. and*		*Pastoral age.*		21	23	316	710	1026	142	46	4	50	18	14	0	32	20	10	1359	$ 1419

Average age, Stated Supply, 3 years. † In four Schools.

'ITHOUT CHARGE.—Rev. Charles M. Brown, Mount Desert, ordained in Lempster, H., July, 1829; Rev. Alfred L. Skinner, (P. M.) Bucksport, ordained Jan. 27, 1854.

MI-ANNUAL MEETING, held with Second church, Deer Isle, October 15, 16, 1867—. Sewall Tenney, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, Rev. Joshua Eaton, Matt. 28:5, 6, The women at the Sepulchre; Conference Sermon, by the Moderator, Hebs. 12:15—st any man fail of the grace of God." *Topics for remarks:* How can the meet- of Conference be made profitable; revivals; the one-service system; Sabbath ools; benevolence; attendance upon the preaching of the gospel. Reports of the rches—all except two, have enjoyed revivals during a few months past,—Orland received thirty-three in fifteen months—more than was connected with it pre- sly. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Joshua Eaton, and , David S. Hibbard. The meetings were pleasant and profitable.

NNUAL MEETING, in Orland, June 2, 3, 1868—Rev. George P. Tyler, *Moderator*. ning Sermon, Rev. Alfred E. Ives, Psalms 107:8—"He satisfieth the hungry "; Conference Sermon, by the Moderator, Hebrews 12:2—"Looking unto Jesus." *ics for discussion:* Home evangelization; revivals; Sabbath Schools; Home ions; Benevolence; American Missionary Association. Rev. Stephen Thurston, of o Conference; Rev. James Wells, of Penobscot Conference, and Rev. Edward P. Stone, of Boston, were present from without the Conference. Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Alfred E. Ives, and Rev. Sewall Tenney.

Meeting-house of the Trinitarian Congregational church, Castine, remodeled, at an expense of $10,000; re-dedicated, February 5, 1868—Sermon by Rev. Alfred E. Ives, Pastor; Dedicatory Prayer, Rev. George P. Tyler.

Rev. SAMUEL BOWKER, dismissed August 20, 1867, from Bluehill, to take effect October, 1867.—Record of Council, and Resolutions of Parish, were published.

Rev. HENRY S. LORING, resumes charge, January, 1868, of the churches in Amherst and Aurora, which he had from 1847 to 1856.

Rev. JOSHUA EATON, left Isle au Haut, May, 1868, to labor in Granby, Vt.

HORACE BUNSTEAD, a Licentiate from Andover Seminary, had a mission of two months, in the spring, at Mt. Desert.

Published accounts of revivals, in Deer Isle, Mount Desert, Swan's Island, Amherst, and Aurora, in September, 1867.

Rev. David S. Hibbard, of S. W. Harbor, Mount Desert, *Scribe of Conference*.

HANCOCK ASSOCIATION, organized in Sedgwick, September 21, 1797—meetings, first week in June, and second week in August, November, and February. Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine, *Scribe*.

OXFORD CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, Tuesday preceding first Wednesday in June.—Organized in Bridgton, January 16, 1824.—Semi-Annual Meeting, third Tuesday in October.

Churches. Place and Name.	Organized.	1868, May 4. Name.	Ministers. Ordained.	Inst. or S.S.	M.A.	P.A.	Ch. Mem., May 4, 1868.—Admitted.—1867.—Removed. Baptized. Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs	Prf.	Let.	Tot.	Dth	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	S.Sch	Cont.
Andover, Bost. Road	1799, Nov. 8	Holland B. Frye, s.s.	Licentiate.	1868, Mar. 1			35	48	83	13	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	90	854
Andover, Second	1849, Oct. 7	Eugene H. Titus, s.s.	1866, Feb. 15	1868, Mar. 1	2		57	66	123	18	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	100	186
Bridgton	1806, Jan. 31	David Garland,	1849, Aug. 15	1849, Aug. 15	19	19	29	59	88	12	6	2	8	2	0	0	2	0	1	88	149
Gilead	1818, May 8	John Elliot, s.s.	1831, Aug. 2	1867, June 2	37		6	21	27	3	2	5	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	40	6
Gorham, N. H.	1862, Mar. 18	Vacant.					3	20	23	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	0
Norway, First	1804, Oct. 1	Vacant.					4	25	29	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	2	1	40	0
Norway, Second	1853, Jan. 12	Thomas T. Merry,	1864, June 9	1866, Nov. 1	4	2	13	42	55	8	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	2	0	100	34
Oxford	1826, May 31	Thomas T. Merry,	1864, June 9	1866, Nov. 1			16	50	66	8	2	3	5	1	3	2	6	1	0	120	87
Rumford	1803, Aug. 5	Vacant.					10	34	44	12	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	75	42
Shelburne, N. H.	1818, Aug. 26	John Elliot, s.s.	1831, Aug. 2	1859, Dec. 31			14	18	32	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	8
South Paris	1812, Nov. 4	Vacant.					0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sumner	1802, Sept. 9	John B. Wheelwright,	1850, Oct. 16	1867, Dec. 4	18		55	106	161	31	2	2	4	4	6	2	12	2	0	135	215
Turner	1810, Aug. 16	H. H. Hutchinson, s.s.	Licentiate.	1868, Aug. 1			31	65	96	23	0	1	1	3	2	1	6	0	0	70	82
Upton	1861, Mar. 22	Fer'nd. W. Dickinson,	1868, June 17	1868, May 10			41	69	110	16	17	2	19	3	3	0	6	13	0	120	25
		David Garland, s. s.	1849, Aug. 15	1867.			3	11	14	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	0
Fifteen.		*4 Past. 4 S. S.=8.*	*Av. Mins. and*	*Pastoral age,*	13	5	317	637	954	150	36	15	51	19	15	5	39	23	2	1125	8888

Average age, Stated Supply, 2 years.

Without charge.—Rev. Henry Richardson, Gilead, ordained November 23, 1831; Rev. William V. Jordan, Andover, ordained September 13, 1835; Rev. S. Gerard Norcross, ordained October 11, 1859.

Semi-Annual Meeting, in Sumner, October 22, 23, 1867—Bro. Josiah Brown, of Bethel, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, Rev. John Elliot, of Rumford, Titus 2:14—Things peculiar to the Christian, as the result of Christ's purifying process in his heart; Closing Sermon, Rev. Benjamin F. Manwell, of Turner, Matt. 4:1—The temptation of Christ. *Subjects for remarks:* The gospel of Christ—its power,—1. Upon the church; 2. Upon the world; 3. The importance of the church being composed of living and working christians; 4. The work of the christian, in reference to social meetings; 5. The power of the gospel, as manifested in the Sabbath School; 6. The result when the work is done, in reference to the christian deer, and to the world. Wednesday, A. M.—Meeting of the Bible Society; Address by Rev. Samuel H. Merrill, of Portland, agent American Bible Society; Lord's Supper, administered by Rev. David Garland, and Rev. Samuel H. Merrill.

Forty-fourth Annual Meeting, with Second church, Norway, June 2, 3, 1868—Dea. J. Brown, of Bethel, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, Rev. David Garland, of Bethel, (2d church,) Matt. 28:20—Christ in the church: Conference Sermon, Rev. John B. Wheelwright, of Bethel, (1st church,) Prov. 4:23—Keeping the heart. *Topics for conference:* 1. What is a christian, in the Bible sense of the term. 2. The true christian life. 3. The work of the true christian—in the family, in business, in social religious meetings. 4. Sabbath Schools. Report of the Churches, by Scribe. Report on Sabbath Schools, by Dea. T. G. Goodwin, *Secretary*. Annual meeting of Oxford County Bible Society; A. Hersey, *President*. Lord's Supper, administered by Rev. William Warren, of Gorham, and Rev. John Elliot, of Rumford.

Rev. John B. Wheelwright, installed Pastor, South Paris, December 4, 1867.—Rev. William Warren, of Gorham, *Moderator of Council:* Rev. Henry O. Thayer, of Woolwich, *Scribe*. Introductory Service, Rev. Abram Maxwell; Sermon, Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath; Charge, by Moderator; Right-hand, Rev. Thomas T. Merry, of Norway; Address to People, Rev. Wellington R. Cross, of New Gloucester; Closing Prayer, Rev. Benjamin F. Manwell, of Turner; Benediction, Pastor.

Ferdinand W. Dickinson, ordained Pastor, Turner, June 17, 1868.—Rev John B. Wheelwright, of South Paris, *Moderator of Council:* Rev. S. Gerard Norcross, of Turner, *Scribe*. Introductory Services, Rev. Abram Maxwell, of Sumner; Sermon, and Ordaining Prayer, Rev. Solomon P. Fay, of Bangor; Charge, Rev. Henry C. Hall, of Auburn; Right-hand, Rev. Richard C. Stanley, of Lewiston; Address to People, by Moderator.

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CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, Tuesday, before second Wednesday in June.—Organized in Gorham, Dec. 24, 1822.—Semi-Annual Meeting, Tuesday, before second Wednesday in January.

Churches. 1869, May 4.		Ministers.					Ch. Mem., May 4, 1868.							Admitted.—1867.				Removed.			Baptized.				
Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Inst. or S. S.	M. A	P. A	Male.	Fem	Tot	Abs	Prf.	Let	Tot	Dth	Dis.	Ex.	Tot	Ad	Inf.	S Sch	Cont.
Auburn,	1826, Feb. 28	Henry L. Hall,	1861, Oct. 28	1868, Jan. 23	7		91	173	264	0	32	6	38	1	7	0	8	0	0	380	$600
Auburn, West,	1844, May 8	Alpha Morton, s. s.	1844, Feb. 13	1863, April 2	24		71	92	163	46	0	2	2	4	0	0	4	0	0	95	173
Baldwin,	1821, May	Vacant.	no ordinances	As last year			4	11	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	4
Brunswick,	1747, June	George E. Adams,	1829, Feb. 25	1829, Dec. 30	39	39	84	203	287	90	24	9	33	6	8	0	14	17	4	200	775
Cape Elizabeth,	1739, Nov. 10	Henry M. Vaill, s. s.	1861, Aug. 14	1865, May 21	7		4	23	27	2	4	0	4	2	0	0	2	4	0	80	75
Cumberland,	1793, Sept. 15	Eben'er S. Jordan, s.s	1857, Dec. 17	1859, Sept. 15	11		46	109	155	10	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	4	125	150
Durham,	1796, March 9	Amos F. Shattuck, s.s	Licentiate.	1867.			15	32	47	10	11	5	16	2	0	0	2	3	0	40	25
Falmouth, 1st,	1754,	John C. Adams, s. s.	1851, Aug. 19	1859, Feb. 13	17		33	96	129	17	2	1	3	4	1	0	5	0	0	100	92
Falmouth, 2d,	1830, Sept. 15	Edward C. Miles, s.s.	1860, June 28	1866, July 11	8		28	70	98	34	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	50	127
Freeport, 1st,	1787, Dec. 21	Benj. T. Sanborn, s.s.	1864, Feb. 4	1865, May 20	4		34	110	146	18	1	0	1	3	2	0	5	1	0	90	50
Freeport, South,	1357, July 9	Horatio Ilsley, s. s.	1837, Oct. 26	1868, April 1			34	49	83	15	1	0	1	1	5	0	6	1	0	65	20
Gorham,	1750, April 4	Chas. C. Parker, P. el.	1848, Oct. 4	1868.	20		56	170	226	50	14	13	27	3	1	0	4	11	2	180	400
Gray,	1803, Oct. 25	Ebenezer Bean,	1862, Mar. 25	1863, Jan. 1	6	5	18	48	66	3	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	74	80
Harpswell,	1753,	Vacant.					16	49	65	16	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	4	25	15
Lewiston, Pine St.,	1854, Aug. 8	Uriah Balkam,	1841, June 15	1856, Jan. 30	27	12	86	227	313	4	60	21	81	1	10	0	11	46	3	270	440
Mechanic Falls,	1840, June 15	Vacant.					9	17	26	7	1	1	2	0	4	0	4	0	0	30	90
Minot,	1791, Sept. 8	Elijah Jones,	1823, Feb. 12	1823, Feb. 12	45	45	40	85	125	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	115
Minot, West, & Hebron,	1802, Oct. 28	Horatio Ilsley, s. s.	1837, Oct. 26	1864, April 14	30		21	33	54	2	0	1	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	50	53
New Gloucester,	1765, Jan. 16	Wellington R. Cross,	1865, Sept. 7	1865, Sept. 7	3	3	63	119	182	22	1	12	13	0	0	0	0	1	0	100	213
North Yarmouth,	1806, Sept. 30	Nathan F. Carter, s.s.	1867, Dec. 19	1867, July 1	1		53	86	139	14	42	4	46	1	0	0	1	28	0	187	100
Poland,	1825, Nov. 2	Vacant.		As last year			5	18	23	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	00
Portland, High St.,	1841, Sept. 9	William H. Fenn,	1859, Feb. 20	1866, July 25	9	2	114	256	370	25	3	9	12	7	12	1	20	2	2	328	3300
Portland, State St.,	1852, Mar. 17	Vacant.					95	248	343	30	4	8	12	3	2	0	5	2	0	400	2950
Portland, 2nd,	1788, Mar. 17	John J. Carruthers,	1819, June 8	1846, Aug. 9	49	22	70	278	348	31	0	3	3	5	2	0	7	0	0	100	300
Portland, 3rd,	1825, Sept. 9	Vacant.					56	154	210	0	0	0	0	4	8	0	12	0	0	00	105
Portland, 4th, (colored)	1835, Aug. 7	J. W. C. Pennington, ss	1838, May 12	1866, Dec. 2	30		4	9	13	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	14	200
Portland, W. Cong.'l,	1862, Sept. 17	Geo. A. Tewksbury,	1863, Dec. 21	1863, Dec. 21	5	5	16	40	56	7	13	1	14	1	4	0	5	11	0	200	100
Portland, Central,	1856, Jan. 24	Benjamin M. Frink,	1862, Dec.	1868, April 9	6		81	184	265	25	1	2	3	6	2	0	8	1	0	180	125
Portland, Bethel,	1840, Sept. 24	Francis Southworth,	1857, Oct. 28	1866, June 11	11	2	42	44	86	20	23	5	28	0	0	0	0	12	6	200	15
Portland, St. Law. St.,	1858, Feb. 19	Vacant.					30	50	80	20	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	200	183
Pownal,	1811, Mar. 20	Charles L. Nichols,	1861, Nov. 7	1866, June 5	7	2	28	62	90	8	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	1	80	62
Scarborough,	1728, June 26	Leon W. Harris, s. s.	1842, Nov. 2	1866, Sept. 1	26		36	51	87	13	8	0	8	2	0	0	2	4	2	75	108
Standish,	1834, Feb. 5	Sam'l Hopkins, s. s.	1831, Oct. 25	1866, March 1	37		5	43	48	19	3	1	4	1	2	0	3	1	0	44	41
Westbrook, 1st,	1868, April 8	Vacant.					9	21	30	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	70	50
Westbrook, 2nd,	1832, Jan. 17	Joseph Danielson,	1865, Aug. 9	1865, Aug. 9	3	3	42	75	117	8	44	4	48	0	4	0	4	29	9	200	100
Windham,	1743, Dec. 14	Luther Wiswall,	1837, Aug. 12	1854, Sept. 20	31	14	8	50	58	14	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	2	0	101	45
Yarmouth, 1st,	1730, Nov. 17	George A. Putnam,	1869, Nov. 14	1869, Nov. 14	8	8	51	131	182	12	5	6	11	4	1	0	5	4	5	200	607
Yarmouth, Central,	1859, April 27	Jacob J. Abbott,	1845, Aug. 27	1865, Oct. 19	23	3	22	55	77	5	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	2	120	292
Thirty-eight.		*16 Pas. 13 S.S.=29*	*Av. Mins. and*	*Pastoral age,*	10	10	1522	3571	5093	607	302	117	419	75	78	2	155	182	48	3743	12,280

Average Stated Supply, 4 years.

MINISTERS WITHOUT PASTORAL CHARGE.

NAMES.	ORDAINED.	RESIDENCE.	Min. ste'l Age.
ter	1831, Dec.	Standish	37
Harris, President of Bowdoin College	1841, Dec. 22	Brunswick	27
pring	1842, June 15	Yarmouth	26
I. Merrill, Agent Am. Bible Society	1831, Feb. 22	Portland	37
Merdugh	1836, May 18	Minot	32
S. Packard, Prof. in Bowdoin College	1859, May 16	Brunswick	18
W. Packard, *Licentiate*	1866, May 1	Brunswick	
L. Palmer	1854, May 23	Portland	14
. Perkins, Family School for Boys	1854, May 26	Gorham	14
Putnam	1820, Dec. 13	Yarmouth	48
Sewall, Prof. in Bowdoin College	1859, Apr. 20	Brunswick	19
S. Sewall, Prof. in Bowdoin College	1855, Feb. 28	Brunswick	13
epley	1829, Feb. 18	Yarmouth	39
oule	1824, June 18	Portland	44
Storer	1850, Mar. 30	Oak Hill	18
Warren, District Sec'y A. B. C. F. M.	1840, Feb. 13	Gorham	28
ston	1818, June 10	Cumberland Center	50
eston	1824, Feb. 17	Standish	44
Whittlesey	1851, Oct. 1	Washington, D. C.	17

Average Ministerial age of the above nineteen, twenty-eight years.

NUAL MEETING held with Second church, Westbrook, in Saccarappa, January 7, 8, 1868 ...ley, of West Minot, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, Rev. John J. Carruthers, John ...ist, a King. Closing Sermon, Rev. George A. Tewksbury, 1 Cor. 5:7—Christ, our *Topics of Remarks:* Christian Responsibility, as relating to the Family, Church, School. Temperance; Evangelizing the Community, the World; the Bible; Seamen, ...Heathen. Rev. C. H. Wheeler, of the Harpoot Mission, was present, and introduced ...ple. Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Charles Morgridge, of South Freeport, and ...an F. Carter, of North Yarmouth.

SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING, in Freeport, June 9, 10, 1868. Rev. George E. Adams, of ... *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, Rev. John S. Sewall, of Bowdoin College, 2 Peter, 1:4—...of the Divine nature. Closing Sermon, Rev. John J. Carruthers, of Portland, Romans ...*eral Topic for Discussion:* A Model Church—implying a working, praying, giving, ...ne which trains the children, for God—a church ready for every sacrifice. A Committee ...ted to consider the subject of mutual Church action, in reference to protracted meet...h formerly were much blessed. Closed with the ordinance of the Lord's Supper.

FRANKLIN CARTER, (Dartmouth, 1853—Bangor, 1865,) stated supply in North Yar...th July 1, 1867, ordained Evangelist, North Yarmouth, Dec. 19 1867. Introductory ...ev. Charles L. Nichols, of Pownal, *Scribe of Council:* Sermon, Rev. George A. Putnam, Yarmouth—Neh. 4:6; Ordaining Prayer, Rev. Ebenezer Bean, of Gray; Charge to ...r. John J. Abbott, of Yarmouth, *Moderator of Council:* Right-hand, Rev. Ebenezer S. Cumberland; Closing Prayer, Rev. H. A. Hart, (Baptist) of Yarmouth; Benediction, ...n F. Carter.

HENRY LEWIS HALL, of Rockville, Conn., (Yale, 1859—Theological course, Yale, and ...stalled Pastor High-street church, Auburn, Jan. 23, 1868. Introductory Services, Rev. ...ton, of West Auburn; Sermon, and Right-hand, Rev. George W. Field, of Bangor, Prayer, Rev. Elijah Jones, of Minot; Charge to Pastor, Rev. Uriah Balkham, of Lew...ston to People, Rev. John J. Abbott, of Yarmouth; Concluding Prayer, Rev. A. H. ...uburn.

...AMIN M. FRINK, of North Vernon, N. H., installed Pastor Central church, Portland, ...8. Introductory Services, Rev. Ebenezer Bean, of Gray, *Scribe of Council:* Prayer, ...e A. Tewksbury, of Portland; Sermon, President Samuel Harris, of Bowdoin College, ...19; Installing Prayer, Rev. John S. Sewall, of Brunswick; Charge to Pastor, Rev. C. ...f Lewiston, *Moderator of Council:* Right-hand, Rev. William H. Fenn, of Portland; People, Rev. William Warren, of Gorham.

...ANKLIN SHATTUCK, stated supply in Durham, from Dec. 1, 1867, ordained Evangelist, ...ne 3, 1868. Reading Scriptures, Rev. William Strout, (Methodist); Prayer, Rev. Henry ...Auburn, *Moderator of Council:* Sermon, and Ordaining Prayer, Professor Alpheus ...of Brunswick; Charge to Pastor, Rev. Charles L. Nichols, of Gray; Right-hand, Rev. ...e, (Baptist); Address to People, Professor Richard C. Stanley, of Bates College, Lew...luding Prayer, Rev. G. E. Tucker, of Durham, (Baptist). Mr. S. graduated, Amherst, ...Seminary, 1862.

...EV. LEON WALKER preached in State-street church, Portland, Oct. 13, and renewed ...a Council in reference to his dismission, on account of his health. Council met ...y, John C. Adams, of Falmouth, *Moderator;* Rev. George A. Tewksbury, of Port...and of the Council dismissing Mr. W.; letter of Pastor; action of the Church ...and report of Revs. George E. Adams, George A. Putnam, and William H. ..., were published. Mr. W. received subsequently, a gift of $1300, from

this church and parish. Called to pastorate of Center church, New Haven, Conn., which he accepts.

Rev. AARON C. ADAMS resigned the pastorate of High-street church, Auburn (First Congregational church, Lewiston Falls), Sept. 15, 1867. Council met Nov. 5, 1867—Rev. Horatio Ilsley, of West Minot, *Moderator;* Rev. Augustus F. Beard, *Scribe.* Record of dismissal by Council, published.

Mr. Adams, installed Pastor, Weathersfield, Connecticut, (Church organized, 1641,) March 18, 1868.

Rev. SAMUEL MORRISON, asks dismission from St. Lawrence-street church, Portland, on account of a throat difficulty, and accepts the position of Teacher in High School, Portland, September, 1867. Resigns, and sails for Cuba, for benefit of his health, February, 1868. Rufus K. Harlow, of Senior Class, Bangor Seminary, called to St. Lawrence-street church, June, 1868.

Rev. AMASA LORING, Yarmouth, appointed Colporteur, American Tract Society, Aug., 1867.

Rev. STEPHEN C. STRONG, of Gorham, has removed to Natick, Mass., and commenced his labors there, March, 1867.

Rev. THOMAS N. LORD, closed labors in North Yarmouth, April 1, 1867. Resides in Limerick.

Rev. CHARLES MORGRIDGE, stated supply in South Freeport, to April, 1868.

Rev. HORATIO ILSLEY, removed from West Minot to South Freeport, April, 1868.

Rev. GEORGE E. ADAMS, Brunswick, has a recess from his labors, to supply the Brick church, Orange, New York—expecting to resume labors in Brunswick, in October; commencing the fortieth year of his ministry among them.

History of the Cumberland County Association, 1788 to 1867, with a tabular view, by Rev. Isaac Weston, of Cumberland, published in Congregational Quarterly, October, 1867—p. 334 to 337.

Changes in Ministers and Churches, in Portland, by L. W.; published September, 1867.

The Central and Third churches, Portland, considering the question of a union of the two, September, 1867. Review of efforts made to unite the Second and Third churches, May, 1868. Appeal in behalf of sustaining the Third church and its ordinances, July, 1868. Fair and Levee held in aid of the Payson Memorial church, November, 1867—receipts, $2800. A communion service presented, July, 1868, to this church, by George H. Quincy, of Boston, in place of one destroyed by fire in July, 1866.

Conference of the Evangelical Churches, in Portland, at High-street church, February 20, 1868; continued weekly, about a month. The Evangelical clergymen to meet every Monday morning, in the rooms of the Portland Young Men's Christian Association, April, 1868.

Annual meeting of the Female Tract Society, Portland, in Central church, April 26, 1868.

Accounts have been published of Revivals, in Saccarappa, Westbrook Second church—thirty added to church, by profession, (Sept. 1); Durham, by S. T., (October); North Yarmouth, (Nov.) forty received, January 7, 1868; Scarboro', sixty conversions, (February, 1868); Lewiston and Auburn, union meetings, under auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association, (February, 1868): West Cape Elizabeth, over sixty conversions.

MEETING-HOUSES.—NEW SEAMEN'S BETHEL, PORTLAND, dedicated September 1, 1867—Invocation, by the Pastor, Rev. Francis Southworth; Reading Scriptures, Rev. Dr. Shailer, of the Baptist church, Portland; Statement, by the Pastor, in respect to the re-building of the edifice; Dedicatory Prayer, Rev. Hugh S. Carpenter, Brooklyn, New York—formerly Pastor State-street church, Portland; Addresses, by Rev. John J. Carruthers, Rev. William H. Fenn, and Dr. Shailer; Singing was interspersed; Benediction, Dr. Carruthers. The edifice is of brick, with a vestry in the second story of the front part of the building; the walls are in fresco, with inscriptions on shields, painted in fresco. Over the pulpit is the inscription, "Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast." The cost is $7000—less, by $3000, than the estimate. This, accomplished through the personal labor of the Pastor.

The Meeting-house of the Church in GRAY, having been repaired and enlarged at an expense of about $3000, was re-opened December 22, 1867.

FREEPORT.—Dedicated January 1, 1868. Sermon, Rev. Dr. S. Harris, President of Bowdoin College; Dedicatory Prayer, Professor Alpheus S. Packard, of Bowdoin College.

YARMOUTH.—First Parish—Dedicated January 15, 1868. Prayer, Rev. John J. Abbott, of Central church, Yarmouth; Dedicatory Prayer, Rev. Edmund K. Alden, of South Boston—former Pastor of First church, Yarmouth; Sermon, Rev. George M. Putnam, Pastor—"The glory of the latter house," &c.; Concluding Prayer, Rev. George E. Adams, Brunswick. The building is 77×49, and twenty-six feet post; the spire 140 feet high. The chapel connected with the church is 57×39; there are committee, library, and ante-rooms. Whole cost nearly $35,000.

WESTBROOK (Saccarappa.)—Second church—Meeting-house re-modeled, and enlarged, Apl., 1868.

PORTLAND.—Payson Memorial Church—corner-stone laid July 4, 1868. Address by the Pastor, Rev. John J. Carruthers. Rev. Messrs. William H. Fenn, of High-street church, Benjamin M. Frink, of Central church, Dea. S. W. Larrabee, and others, took part in appropriate services.

LEWISTON.—A member of Pine-street church contributed $12,000 towards their church edifice.

Sabbath School gatherings, and Temperance Conventions, held in various parts of the county.

In Ligonia, Cape Elizabeth, there is a colony of Welsh people, (Congregationalists.) Rev. Daniel A. Evans, now of Yale College, is expecting to settle among them, as Pastor.

Correction.—The Publishing Committee were misinformed in reference to the authorship of a sermon refered to in Minutes, 1867, page 138, third paragraph.

Rev. William H. Haskell, of Woodford's Corner, Westbrook, *Scribe of Conference;* Rev. John J. Abbott, of Yarmouth, *Register;* Dea. Samuel W. Larrabee, of Portland, *Treasurer.* Next meeting, with High-street church, Portland, January 12, 13, 1869.

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION, formed in Westbrook, May 28, 1788. Annual Meeting, second Tuesday of February; other meetings, on the second Tuesday of May, August, and November. *Rev. Ebenezer Bean,* of Gray, *Scribe.*

Churches.	1868, May 4.	Ministers.					Ch. Mem., May 4, 1868. — Admitted, — 1867. — Removed, — Baptized.															
and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Inst. or S. S.	M. A.	P. A.	Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Prf.	Let.	Tot.	Dth	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	S. Sch	Cont.
ville	1790, Feb. 25	No ordinances.					7	13	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	$ 0
ton	1814, Oct. 9	Rowland B. Howard,	1860, Oct. 11	1860, Oct. 11	8	8	66	139	205	11	6	4	10	2	4	1	7	4	1	225	400
ton Falls	1859, March 9	Isaac Rogers, s.s.	1826, March 8	1865, Nov. 1	42		3	9	12	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	40	0
y	1868, July 4	John Lawrence, s.s.	1848, Aug. 5	1867.	20		22	19	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	118	25
aron	1801, Feb. 11	Horace Toothaker	1861, Sept. 5	1864, Oct. 19	7	4	50	92	142	30	0	2	2	2	2	0	4	0	1	100	110
ineyard	1830, April 4	John Lawrence, s.s.	1848, Aug. 5	1867.			10	12	22	0	0	2	2	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	7
	1822, Oct. 9	Vacant.					13	16	29	14	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	40	0
	1810, March 3	J. Loring Pratt, s.s.	1867, Nov. 7	1866, Oct. 20	1		45	64	109	45	0	1	1	2	2	0	4	0	0	125	280
weld	1805, Sept. 19	Simeon Hackett, s.s.	1830, July 7	1857, June 1	38		19	39	58	7	5	0	5	1	0	0	1	3	0	75	27
Wilton	1809, Aug. 17	C. Hamblin, s.s. 4 mos. / T. J. Valentine, 2 mos.	Licentiates.				20	33	59	3	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	0	100	28
	1819, Feb. 10	Jonas Burnham, s.s.	1858, July 28	1869, April 22	10		37	52	89	25	6	6	12	2	3	0	5	1	0	85	150
Eleven.		2 Pastors. 8 S.S. = 10	Av. Mins. and	Pastoral age.	20	6	298	488	786	136	17	15	32	13	17	1	31	8	2	908	$ 947

. verage age, Stated Supply 3 years.

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING in Temple, June 9, 10, 1868 — Dea. J. P. Thwing, of New Sharon, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, Rev. Isaac Rogers, Luke 22:54 — Peter followed afar off; Conference Sermon, Rev. Horace Toothaker, Acts 9:15 — A chosen vessel. *Subjects for discussion:* 1. How shall we bring the young to Christ. 2. Ought Christians to devote as much as one-tenth of their income to religious and charitable uses? 3. How can we make our prayer meetings more useful. 4. How shall we labor most effectually for the world's conversion — how do this, by Foreign Missions; Home Missions; Home Evangelization; Revivals. 5. What particular sins call at this time for special reprehension, by the church and ministry. 6. Desecration of the Sabbath; licentiousness; divorces. Administration of the Lord's Supper, Rev. Jonas Burnham, and Rev. Stephen Titcomb.

J. LORING PRATT, (Bangor Seminary, 1864,) ordained Evangelist, in Strong, Nov. 7, 1867. Invocation, and Reading the Scriptures, Rev. M. Lamprey, of Phillips; Hymn, Rev. M. Hutchins, of Freeman; Sermon, and Ordaining Prayer, Rev. Isaac Rogers; Charge to Pastor, Rev. Jonas Burnham, *Moderator of Council*; Right-hand, Rev. Horace Toothaker; Address to People, and Prayer, Rev. Rowland B. Howard, *Scribe of Council*; Benediction, Rev. J. L. Pratt.

The new MEETING-HOUSE, in Temple, dedicated Nov. 15, 1867. Invocation, and Reading the Scriptures, Rev. Simeon Hackett, Pastor; Sermon, Rev. Rowland B. Howard, Haggai 2:9 — "The glory of this latter house," &c.; Dedicating Prayer, Rev. Isaac Rogers; Statement of Trustees and Building Committee — cost about $2200; Prayer of Thanksgiving, Rev. M. Wellman; Anthems and Hymns interspersed.

The church in Wilton, propose to repair and renovate their meeting-house, June, 1868.

Rev. Isaac Rogers took part in the Centennial celebration of the North church, Newburyport, Mass., January, 1868, of which he was a member.

Rev. John Lawrence, stated supply, in Industry, 1867. Seth Bass, a layman, in Wilton.

Second Annual Meeting, Franklin County Sabbath School Convention, in Wilton, October 9, 1867 — I. W. Merrill, Esq., of Farmington, *President*. Six topics discussed. Next meeting in New Sharon, October, 1868.

Dea. C. D. Sewall, of Farmington, *Secretary of Conference*; Rev. J. Loring Pratt, of Strong, *Reporter*; Dea. John Titcomb, of Farmington, *Treasurer*. Next meeting in Wilton, June 8, 9, 1869.

FRANKLIN COUNTY (UNION) ASSOCIATION, organized March 1, 1864 — meets on the first Tuesday in January, and each alternate month succeeding. It embraces ministers of all the Evangelical denominations in the county. Rev. Rowland B. Howard, of Farmington, *Scribe*.

HANCOCK CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, first Tuesday in June.—Organized in Bucksport, May 10, 1825.—Semi-Annual Meeting in October.

Churches.	1868, May 4.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem., May 4, 1868.				Admitted.—1867.—Removed.							Baptised.			
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Inst. or S. S.	M. A.	P. A.	Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs	Prf.	Let.	Tot.	Dth	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	S. Sch	Cont.
Amherst and Aurora.	1830, Sept. 14	Henry S. Loring, s.s.	1850, June 20	1867, Nov. 24	22		9	14	23	3	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	85	$ 40
Bluehill	1772, Oct. 7	Vacant.					40	77	117	0	2	0	2	1	2	0	3	1	0	79	66
Brooksville, West	1826, Jan. 6	William W. Dow, s.s.	1866, May 23	1866, April 22	2		36	51	87	7	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	70	26
Bucksport	1773, May 1	George P. Tyler, s.s.	1841.	1868, April 5	27		35	91	126	26	14	1	15	2	1	0	3	0	1	160	450
Castine	1820, July 26	Alfred E. Ives,	1838, Sept. 25	1855, Jan. 20	30	13	20	72	92	9	0	0	0	2	4	0	6	0	1	120	320
Deer Isle, First	1773, May 1	Hiram Houston, s.s.	1850, Sept. 25	1868, April 5	17		60	125	185	12	3	0	3	4	3	0	7	1	1	175	85
Deer Isle, Second	1858, Dec. 1	Samuel S. Drake, s.s.	1834, Oct. 15	1867, June 9	34		17	23	40	3	8	6	8	0	2	0	2	7	0	40	16
Ellsworth	1812, Sept. 8	Sewall Tenney,	1831, Aug. 10	1835, Nov. 11	37	33	25	81	106	23	0	2	2	4	0	0	4	0	2	125	200
Isle of Haut, (Ev.)	1857, May 7	Joshua Eaton, s s.	1841, Dec. 1	1857, May 7	27		3	12	15	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	30	5
Orland	1850, Sept. 25	Geo. N. Marden, s.s.	1862, Oct. 2	1865, Oct. 22	6		15	49	64	7	5	1	6	2	1	0	3	4	0	†225	190
Sedgwick and Brooksville	1793, July 8	Vacant.					12	18	30	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	5
Sedgwick Village	1848, Oct. 28	Vacant.					10	19	29	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tremont & Mt. Desert	1782, Oct. 17	David S. Hibbard, s.s.	1860, July 26	1866, April 1	8		34	78	112	30	11	0	11	1	1	0	2	6	3	200	16
Thirteen.		*2 Pastors, 8 S.S.=10*	*Av. Mins. and*	*Pastoral age.*	21	23	316	710	1026	142	46	4	50	18	14	0	32	20	10	1359	$ 1419

Average age, Stated Supply, 3 years. †In four Schools.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Rev. Charles M. Brown, Mount Desert, ordained in Lempster, N. H., July, 1829; Rev. Alfred L. Skinner, (P. M.) Bucksport, ordained Jan. 27, 1854.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, held with Second church, Deer Isle, October 15, 16, 1867—Rev. Sewall Tenney, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, Rev. Joshua Eaton, Matt. 28:5, 6, 7—The women at the Sepulchre; Conference Sermon, by the Moderator, Hebs. 12:15—"Lest any man fail of the grace of God." *Topics for remarks:* How can the meeting of Conference be made profitable; revivals; the one-service system; Sabbath Schools; benevolence; attendance upon the preaching of the gospel. Reports of the Churches—all except two, have enjoyed revivals during a few months past,—Orland has received thirty-three in fifteen months—more than was connected with it previously. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Joshua Eaton, and Rev. David S. Hibbard. The meetings were pleasant and profitable.

ANNUAL MEETING, in Orland, June 2, 3, 1868—Rev. George P. Tyler, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, Rev. Alfred E. Ives, Psalms 107:8—"He satisfieth the hungry soul"; Conference Sermon, by the Moderator, Hebrews 12:2—"Looking unto Jesus." *Themes for discussion:* Home evangelization; revivals; Sabbath Schools; Home Missions; Benevolence; American Missionary Association. Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Waldo Conference; Rev. James Wells, of Penobscot Conference, and Rev. Edward P. Stone, of Boston, were present from without the Conference. Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Alfred E. Ives, and Rev. Sewall Tenney.

Meeting-house of the Trinitarian Congregational church, Castine, remodeled, at an expense of $10,000; re-dedicated, February 5, 1868—Sermon by Rev. Alfred E. Ives, Pastor; Dedicatory Prayer, Rev. George P. Tyler.

Rev. SAMUEL BOWKER, dismissed August 20, 1867, from Bluehill, to take effect October, 1867.—Record of Council, and Resolutions of Parish, were published.

Rev. HENRY S. LORING, resumes charge, January, 1868, of the churches in Amherst and Aurora, which he had from 1847 to 1856.

Rev. JOSHUA EATON, left Isle au Haut, May, 1868, to labor in Granby, Vt.

HORACE BUNSTEAD, a Licentiate from Andover Seminary, had a mission of two months, in the spring, at Mt. Desert.

Published accounts of revivals, in Deer Isle, Mount Desert, Swan's Island, Amherst, and Aurora, in September, 1867.

Rev. David S. Hibbard, of S. W. Harbor, Mount Desert, *Scribe of Conference*.

HANCOCK ASSOCIATION, organized in Sedgwick, September 21, 1797—meetings, first week in June, and second week in August, November, and February. Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine, *Scribe*.

	1868, May 4.		Ministers.				Ch. Mem., May 1, 1868. Admitted.—1867.—Removed. Baptised.													
	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Inst. or S. S.	M.A.	P.A.	Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Prf.	Let.	To—	Dth.	Rs.	E.	To—	Ad.	nf.	S Sch.	Cont.
[illegible]	1794, Oct. 7	Joel F. Bingham,	1856, June 17	1867, Dec. 19	12	1	82	238	315	46	4		10	7		0		0		1675	$970
[illegible]	1858, July 16	Frank G. Clark, s.s.	Licentiate.	1868, March.			4	19	23	2	4		9	0	0	0		3		70	26
[illegible]	1858, July 15	Prof. S. K. Smith, ‡ s.s.	or Waterville.	1867.			2	4	6	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	75	7
[illegible]	1835, July 28	Austin L. Park,	1864, Feb. 2	1864, Feb. 2	4	4	28	94	122	22	1	0	1	2		0	3	1	0	135	367
[illegible]	1791, Mar. 15	Charles G. McCully,	1860, July 17	1867, Oct. 15	8		40	154	194	40	5	3	8	1			9	2		180	676
[illegible]	1811, June 6	Josiah T. Hawes, s.s.	1828, Jan. 23	1865, July 1	40		28	38	66	14	1		3	1	0	0		0	0	75	101
[illegible]uth	1863, May 17	Supplied from Bangor	Seminary.				8	14	22	9	0		2	0	0	0	0	0		60	20
Richmond	1812, Nov. 17	*I. A. Stanwood, Lay	man. (reads | sermons.)			7	24	31	7	0	0	0	1	0			0	0	32	9
Sidney	1827, Feb. 8	William C. Curtis, s.s.	1863, Sept. 1	1868, April 19	5		14	34	48	10	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	170
Vassalboro'	1829, Feb 25	Vacant.					9	15	24	10	0	0	0	1	1	0	2		0	0	00
Waterville	1818, July 28	Thomas Adams, s. s.	1818, Aug. 26	1864, May 8	50		5	34	39	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	79	34
Windsor	1823, Aug. 21	Benjamin A. Roble,	1866, Mar. 22	1866, Mar. 22	2	2	39	103	142	49	17	3	20	2	9	0	11	15	0	146	300
Winslow	1820, Aug.	No ordinances.	No report.	As last year.			3	7	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0
Winthrop	1828, Aug. 27	John Dinsmore, s.s.	1852, Nov. 18	1862, June 19	16		14	67	81	26	9	1	10	0	2	0	2		5	1275	124
	1776, Sept. 4	Edward P. Baker, s.s.	1858, Oct. 13	1865, Nov. 1	10		57	110	167	34	19	6	25	6	1	0	7	12	0	130	177
	Fifteen.		*4 Past. 7 S. S.—11.*	*Ar, Mins, and*	*Pastoral age.*	16	2	340	950	1290	271	60	28	88	21	26	0	47	37	6	2038	$3011

Average age, Stated Supply, 2 years. * Mr. S. resides in Gardiner. † Of which, 450 in seven Mission Schools. ‡ Of which, 175 are in a Union School, at North Vassalboro'.

Without charge.—Rev. Wales Lewis, of Pittston, ordained Sept. 27, 1826.

Semi-Annual Meeting, in Winslow, October 22, 23 1867. Somerset Conference uniting with them. Rev. Thomas G. Mitchell, of Madison, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, Rev. Edward P. Stone, of Boston, agent American Missionary Association. Tuesday evening—Sermon, by Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Waldo Conference, Acts 14:1; Conference Sermon, Rev. Josiah T. Hawes, Litchfield, 2 Cor. 8:9. Wednesday evening—Sermon, by Rev. Austin L. Park, Gardiner, Mark 14:56. The general topic discussed, was—How shall we develope the strength and resources of the church, (1) in christians, (2) in the ministry, (3) in the laity. Verbal Reports of the Churches—general tone, hopeful. Sabbath School meeting, Wednesday, P. M., and presentation of the claims of a feeble Church in North Lawrence, Kansas, Rev. John T. Morgan, acting Pastor. Lord's Supper, administered by the Moderator, and Rev. Charles G. McCully.

Forty-fifth Annual Meeting, in Hallowell, June 9, 10, 1868—Opening Sermon, Rev. John Dinsmore, Exo. 2):24—"I will bless thee." Sermon, Tuesday evening, Rev. Joel F. Bingham, Psalms 17:15—"I shall be satisfied." Conference Sermon, Rev. Edward P. Baker, Eph. 1:22—"Head over all things." *Topics for remark:* 1. The weak churches—what can be done for them—what can they do. 2 How can the benevolence of our churches be more fully developed. 3. What are the best methods for organizing and developing the christian activity of the entire membership of the churches. Reports from the Churches encouraging. Lord's Supper, administered by Rev. Thomas Adams, of Vassalboro', and Rev. David Q. Cushman, of Bath. Meetings interesting and profitable.

Rev. Americus Fuller, dismissed from Church in Hallowell, October 15, 1867. The council sanctioned the proceedings of the church, by which Mr. Fuller had been released from the pastorate. He was installed Pastor of the Congregational church, Rochester, Minn., October 8, 1867.

Rev. Charles G. McCully, (Yale, 1853; Union Sem., 1859.) Installed Pastor, Hallowell, October 15, 1867—Rev. Thomas Adams, *Moderator of Council*; Rev. Edward P. Baker, *Scribe*, (the same Council that dismissed Mr. Fuller.) Introductory services of Installation, by Rev. Josiah T. Hawes; Sermon, Rev. President Samuel Harris, of Bowdoin College, Matt. 4:17—"The kingdom of Heaven is at hand; Charge to Pastor, by the Moderator; Right-hand, Rev. Benjamin A. Roble; Address to People, Rev. Benjamin Tappan, of Norridgewock. The singing in charge of J. O. A. Hawes, M. D.

Rev. Joel Foote Bingham, (Yale, 1852; Union Seminary, 1862.) Installed Pastor, South church, Augusta, Dec 19, 1867—Rev. Benj. Tappan, of Norridgewock, *Moderator of Council*; Rev. Rowland B. Howard, of Farmington, *Scribe*. Sermon, Rev. A. H. Plumb, of Chelsea, Mass., Romas 3:15; Charge to Pastor, Rev. Geo. W. Field, of Bangor; Right-hand, Rev. Benj. A. Roble, of Waterville; Address to the People, Rev. Alexander McKenzie, of Cambridge, Mass.

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LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, second Tuesday in June.—Organized in Alna, June 8, 1825.—Semi-Annual Meeting, usually in October.

Churches.		1868, May 4.		Ministers.		Ch. Mem., May 4, 1868.—Admitted.—1867.—Removed.																Baptized.			
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Inst. or S. S.		M. A.	P. A.	Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs	rf.	Let.	Tot.	Dth	Dis.	Ex.	Tot	Ad.	Inf.	S. Sch	Cont
Alna	1796, Sept. 27	Gilbert B. Richardson, ¼ ss	1857, June 30	1866, Aug.	15	11		11	45	56	16	0	0	0	2	2	2	6	0		70	$ 31
Bath, Winter-st.	1795, Dec. 8	John O. Fisk,	1843, Aug. 17	1843, Aug.	17	25	25	107	256	363	68	23	6	29	4	5	0	9	10	8	332	2063
Bath, Central	1835, July 8	Augustus F. Beard,	1869, May 29	1862, Aug.	12	8	6	56	146	202	42	4	1	5	3	3	5	11	1	3	150	2470
Boothbay, First	1776, Sept. 20	Vacant. No report this	year.	Last year.				18	33	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	0
Boothbay Harbor	1848, Aug. 1	Vacant.						20	29	49	19	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	40	20
Bremen	1829, Mar. 3	Samuel W. Pearson, ¼ ss.	Licentiate.	1867, June	1			3	11	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0
Bristol, First	1765.	Vacant.						11	18	29	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	5
Bristol, Second	1855, Jan. 30	Sam'l W. Pearson, ¼ s s.	Licentiate.	1867, June	1			13	22	35	9	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	60	7
Edgecomb	1783, June 4	Joseph Loring, s.s.	1833, Sept. 10	1865, Mar.	12	35		15	53	68	19	1	0	1	3	1	0	4	1	2	70	96
Lisbon	1839, Dec. 18	Vacant. No report.	When last re	ported.				3	13	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	2
Newcastle, 1st.	1799, June 4	Gilb't B. Richardson, ¼ ss.	1857, June 30	1866, Aug.	15	11		13	19	32	8	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	40	49
Newcastle, 2d	1844, May 22	John J. Bullinch, s.s.	1869, May 23	1862, May	4	8		51	116	167	22	12	2	14	4	2	0	6	10	0	130	150
Phipsburg	1765, July 4	James J. Bell, s. s.	1852, June 16	1867, Nov.	29	16		42	93	135	29	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	4	4	55	20
Rockland	1838, Mar. 8	Edward F. Cutter, s.s.	1833, May 8	1863, Oct.	25	37		7	101	108	30	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	2		125	127
Thomaston	1809, June 18	Javan K. Mason,	1849, Jan. 18	1864, Dec.	6	19	4	28	114	142	22	1	1	2	2	1	2	5	1	0	180	162
Topsham	1789, Jan. 1	Daniel F. Potter, s.s.	1852, Oct. 25	1856, Dec	1	16		30	68	98	17	4	0	4	3	1	0	4	4	3	75	89
Union	1803.	Flavius V. Norcross,	1869, Oct. 31	1869, Oct.	31	8	8	19	56	75	9	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	135	61
Waldoboro', 1st.	1807, May 13	Charles Packard,	1846, May 6	1868, June	9	22		46	135	181	20	1	4	5	3	0	0	3	0	0	180	159
Waldoboro', 2d	1856, Mar. 4	Vacant.						8	12	20	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	10	0
Warren	1828, Feb. 27	Edwin S. Beard,	1863, April 2	1864, Aug.	16	5	4	48	115	163	35	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	1	134	80
Washington	1817, Aug. 17	Samuel W. Pearson, ¼ s.s.	Licentiate.	1867, June	1			6	18	24	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68
Wiscasset	1773, Oct. 29	George E. Street,	1864, April 6	1864, April	6	4	4	23	75	98	7	5	0	5	5	3	0	8	3	0	80	100
Woolwich	1765, June 12	Henry O. Thayer, s.s.	1866, July 26	1867, Sept.	15	2		27	75	102	8	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	1	19	80	75
Twenty-three.		6 Past. 8 S. S.= 14.		Av. Mins. and	Pastoral age.	15	8	605	1623	2228	385	58	14	72	40	21	9	70	38	42	2116	$5834

Average age, Stated Supply, 4 years.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—David Quimby Cushman, Bath, ordained Feb. 7, 1838.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, in Edgecomb, October 22, 23, 1867—Rev. Charles Packard, *Moderator*. Sermon, Rev. John O. Fiske, John 5:35—"A burning and shining light"—Pastor Harms, in Germany, a modern illustration of what a church might and should be; Conference Sermon, by Moderator, Phil. 1:21—"For me to live is Christ;" Addresses, by Rev. Charles F. Boynton, of Iowa, on "the West"; by Rev. Edward P. Stone, of Boston, in behalf of the American Missionary Association. Tuesday, P. M., and Wednesday, A. M., discussion of "important topics." Lord's Supper administered by Rev. John J. Bullinch, of Newcastle, and Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Waldo Conference. The meetings were well attended by the people of Edgecomb, but few pastors and delegates of the churches present.

FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING, in Waldoboro', June 9, 10, 1868—Deacon R. C. Webb, *Moderator*. Conference Sermon, Rev. Gilbert B. Richardson, 1 Cor. 2:2—"Jesus Christ and him crucified." *Topics discussed:* Temperance; amusements; the bringing of young children to Christ. Seventy added to the churches during the year; revivals in Newcastle and Waldoboro'.

In connection with this meeting, June 9, Rev. CHARLES PACKARD, was installed Pastor of the First church in Waldoboro'. Reading Scriptures, and Prayer, by Rev. Henry O. Thayer, of Woolwich; Sermon, Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath; Ordaining Prayer, Rev. William Warren, of Gorham; Charge to Pastor, Rev. Javan K. Mason, of Thomaston; Right-hand, Rev. John J. Bullinch, of Newcastle; Address to People, Rev. Flavius V. Norcross, of Union; Concluding Prayer, Rev. Edwin S. Beard, of Warren.

Winter-street church edifice, Bath, renovated and repaired—new seats, floor, galleries, &c., March, 1867.

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Churches. 1868, May 4.		Ministers.					Ch. Mem., May 4, 1868.—Admitted.—1867.—Removed.												Baptized.	
ed Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained	Inst. or S.S.	M.A.	P.A.	Male.	Fem.	Tot	Abs	Prf.	Let	Tot.	Dth	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	S.Sch	Cont.
T.....	1800, Nov. 8	Holland B. Frye, s.s.	Licentiate.	1898, Mar. 1			35	48	83	13	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	90	854
First....	1799, Oct. 7	Eugene H. Titus, s.s.	1866, Feb. 15	1868, Mar. 1	2		57	66	123	18	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	100	186
Second...	1849, Jan. 31	David Garland,	1849, Aug. 15	1849, Aug. 15	19	19	29	59	88	12	6	2	8	2	0	0	2	0	1	88	149
.....	1806, May 8	John Elliot, s.s.	1831, Aug. 2	1867, June 2	37		6	21	27	3	2	5	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	40	6
.....	1818, May 20	Vacant.					3	20	23	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	0
, N. H....	1862, Mar. 18	Vacant.					4	25	29	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	2	1	40	0
First....	1804, Oct. 1	Thomas T. Merry,	1864, June 9	1866, Nov. 3	4	2	13	42	55	8	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	2	0	100	34
Second..	1853, Jan. 12	Thomas T. Merry,	1864, June 9	1866, Nov. 1			16	50	66	8	2	3	5	1	3	2	6	1	0	130	87
ford.....	1826, May 31	Vacant.					10	34	44	12	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	75	42
Rumford.....	1803, Aug. 5	John Elliot, s.s.	1831, Aug. 2	1859, Dec. 31			14	18	32	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	8
Shelburne, N. H..	1818, Aug. 26	Vacant.					0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Paris.....	1812, Nov. 4	John B. Wheelwright,	1850, Oct. 16	1867, Dec. 4	18		55	106	161	31	2	2	4	4	6	2	12	2	0	135	215
Sumner.....	1802, Sept. 9	H. H. Hutchinson, s.s.	Licentiate.	1868, Aug. 1			31	65	96	23	0	1	1	3	2	1	6	0	0	70	82
Turner.....	1810, Aug. 16	Fer'nd. W. Dickinson.	1868, June 17	1868, May 10			41	69	110	16	17	2	19	3	3	0	6	13	0	130	25
Upton.....	1861, Mar. 22	David Garland, s. s.	1849, Aug. 15	1867.			3	11	14	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	0
Fifteen.		4 Past. 4 S. S.	8.	Av. Mins. and Pastoral age,		13	5	317	637	954	159	36	15	51	19	15	5	39	23	2	1125	1888

Average age, Stated Supply, 2 years.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Rev. Henry Richardson, Gilead, ordained November 23, 1831; Rev. William V. Jordan, Andover, ordained September 13, 1835; Rev. S. Gerard Norcross, ordained October 11, 1859.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, in Sumner, October 22, 23, 1867.—Bro. Josiah Brown, of Bethel, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, Rev. John Elliot, of Rumford, Titus 2:14—Things peculiar to the Christian, as the result of Christ's purifying process in his heart; Closing Sermon, Rev. Benjamin F. Manwell, of Turner, Matt. 4:1—The temptation of Christ. *Subjects for remarks:* The gospel of Christ—its power,—1. Upon the church; 2. Upon the world; 3. The importance of the church being composed of living and working christians; 4. The work of the christian, in reference to social meetings; 5. The power of the gospel, as manifested in the Sabbath School; 6. The result when the work is done, in reference to the christian doer, and to the world. Wednesday, A. M.—Meeting of the Bible Society; Address by Rev. Samuel H. Merrill, of Portland, agent American Bible Society; Lord's Supper, administered by Rev. David Garland, and Rev. Samuel H. Merrill.

FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING, with Second church, Norway, June 2, 3, 1868.—Bro. J. Brown, of Bethel, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, Rev. David Garland, of Bethel, (2d church,) Matt. 28:20—Christ in the church; Conference Sermon, Rev. John B. Wheelwright, of Bethel, (1st church,) Prov. 4:23—Keeping the heart. *Topics for conference:* 1. What is a christian, in the Bible sense of the term. 2. The true christian life. 3 The work of the true christian—in the family, in business, in social religious meetings. 4 Sabbath Schools. Report of the Churches, by Scribe. Report on Sabbath Schools, by Dea. T. G. Goodwin, *Secretary*. Annual meeting of Oxford County Bible Society; A. Hersey, *President*. Lord's Supper, administered by Rev. William Warren, of Gorham, and Rev. John Elliot, of Rumford.

Rev. JOHN B. WHEELWRIGHT, installed Pastor, South Paris, December 4, 1867.—Rev. William Warren, of Gorham, *Moderator of Council:* Rev. Henry O. Thayer, of Woolwich, *Scribe*. Introductory Service, Rev. Abram Maxwell; Sermon, Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath; Charge, by Moderator; Right-hand, Rev. Thomas T. Merry, of Norway; Address to People, Rev. Wellington B. Cross, of New Gloucester; Closing Prayer, Rev. Benjamin F. Manwell, of Turner; Benediction, Pastor.

FERDINAND W. DICKINSON, ordained Pastor, Turner, June 17, 1868.—Rev. John B. Wheelwright, of South Paris, *Moderator of Council:* Rev. S. Gerard Norcross, of Turner, *Scribe*. Introductory Services, Rev. Abram Maxwell, of Sumner; Sermon, and Ordaining Prayer, Rev. Solomon P. Fay, of Bangor; Charge, Rev. Henry C. Hall, of Auburn; Right-hand, Rev. Richard C. Stanley, of Lewiston; Address to People, by Moderator.

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PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, second Tuesday in June.—Organized in Brownville, January 11, 1825.—Semi-Annual Meeting, second Tuesday in January.

Churches.		1868, May 4.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem., May 4, 1868.				Admitted.—1867.			Removed.				Baptized.		
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Inst. or S.S.	M.A.	P.A.	Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs	Prf.	Let.	Tot.	Dth	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf	S. Sch	Cont.
Bangor, First	1811, Nov. 27	John R. Herrick, *s.s.*	1854, June 21	1867, Aug. 1	14		65	197	262	45	7	3	10	2	8	0	10	0	0	242	$ 2194
" Hammond-st.	1833, Dec. 5	Solomon Payson Fay,	1849, Sept. 6	1866, Nov. 8	19	2	100	223	323	42	18	17	35	6	7	3	16	12	6	340	2060
" Central	1847, April 1	George W. Field,	1853, Nov. 15	1864, Mar. 29	15	4	88	164	252	60	13	2	15	6	7	0	13	6	9	350	1750
Brewer, First	1800, Sept. 7	Supplied from Semina	ry.				30	67	97	22	0	2	2	3	0	0	3	0	0	115	133
Brewer Village	1843, Jan. 18	Wellington Newell, *s.s.*	1856, Nov. 18	1862, June 1	12		21	60	81	11	16	0	16	2	1	0	3	0	0	130	90
Carmel	1853, May 5	Vacant.	No ordinance	s.			1	8	9	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dedham	1841, Dec. 13	James Wells,	1849, April 1	1858, Dec 9	19	10	25	44	69	18	20	0	20	1	1	0	2	11	0	85	100
Dixmont and Plymouth	1861, Sept. 10	William S. Sewall, *s.s.*	1839, Sept. 25	1864, June 1	29		3	8	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*75	15
Hampden	1817, May 6	Stephen L. Bowler, *s.s.*	1853, Jan. 5	1865, Sept. 1	15		19	67	86	26	2	1	3	0	4	0	4	1	1	120	100
Holden	1828, Nov. 11	Supplied from Semina	ry, part of the	time.			23	54	77	8	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	110	25
Kenduskeag	1831, Dec. 23	Supplied from Semina	ry.				17	28	45	12	2	1	3	2	0	0	2	1	0	80	25
Oldtown	1834, Sept. 24	H. Allen Shorey, *s.s.*	1865, July 28	1867, July 1	3		13	43	56	23	3	4	7	3	2	0	5	3	2	115	140
Orono	1826, May 18	Smith Baker, jr.,	1860, July 26	1868, July 31	8		12	38	50	22	3	0	3	1	2	0	3	1	1	‡327	159
East Orrington	1834, May 18	Supplied from Semina	ry, part of the	time.			29	44	73	15	3	0	3	1	4	0	5	2	5	70	25
Upper Stillwater	1859, Sept. 19	Supplied from Semina	ry, part of the	time.			5	21	26	3	0	1	1	1	2	0	3	0	0	100	5
Veazie	1838, June 19	William F. Ober, *s.s.*	Licentiate.	1867.			17	36	53	24	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	35	12
Sixteen.		*4 Past. 6 S. S.=10.*	*Ar. Mins. and*	*Pastoral age,*	15	4	468	1102	1570	339	87	31	118	33	38	3	74	37	24	2294	$6833

Average age, Stated Supply, 2 years. *Union School. ‡Of this number, 177 are in Mission Schools.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.—Enoch Pond, ordained March 1, 1815; Daniel Smith Talcott, December 7, 1826; John Russell Herrick, June 21, 1854—Professors in the Theological Seminary, Bangor; Richard Woodhull, July 7, 1830. Treasurer and Agent Theological Seminary, Bangor; John Kent Lincoln, Sept. 30, 1862—all of Bangor.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, in Orono, January 14, 15, 1868—Rev. H. Allen Shorey, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, Rev. John R. Herrick, Isaiah 62:1. Tuesday evening. Sermon, Rev. Geo. W. Field, Matt. 16:26; Conference Sermon Rev. Solomon P. Fay, Matt. 16:18, 19. *Topics for discussion:* The duty of church members to their church; of those who are not church members, to the church; of young men and women, to the cause of Christ; christian consecration. Verbal reports of the churches. Lord's Supper, administered by Revs. Stephen L. Bowler, and Wellington Newell. The improvements and conveniences of the church edifice, and vestry, added to the interest and comfort of the session.

ANNUAL MEETING, in Hampden, June, 10, 1868—Rev. H. A. Shorey, *Moderator*, by whom the opening Sermon was delivered, John 15:5—"Without me, ye can do nothing"; Conference Sermon, Rev. Professor John R. Herrick, Phil. 4:20, 23. *Topics for remark:* 1. The spirit of Christ, the life, and power of the church. 2. Obligations of individual christians to the church—their duty to become members. 3. What are some of the best means of developing the moral resources of the church. 4. What can our churches do for the unevangelized masses in their own neighborhoods. Claims of Maine Missionary Society, presented by Rev. Stephen Thurston, Secretary; and of American Missionary Association, by Rev. Edward P. Stone, Agent. Tuesday evening.—Sabbath Schools. Wednesday, A. M.—Report of churches, by the Scribe. Dr. Pond gave reminiscenses of the state of the churches since he attended the Conference at Hampden, thirty-six years ago. Lord's Supper observed—Revs. James Wells, and Smith Baker, jr., officiating.

Rev. JOHN K. DEERING, stated supply at Holden, called to his former charge in Solon, October, 1867.—Accepts. William F. Ober, Joseph F. Cogswell, (Licentiates from Bangor Seminary,) Rev. John U. Parsons, and others, have supplied Holden since October.

Rev. SMITH BAKER, JR., was dismissed from the pastorate of the churches in Veazie and Upper Stillwater, July 31, 1868. Rev. H. A. Shorey, of Oldtown, *Moderator of Council;* Dea. E. F. Duren, *Scribe.*

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ERRILL, formerly of Wiscasset, (1857 to 1863,) stated supply in Richmond, Au-
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niversary of the Ordination of Rev. Thomas Adams, observed in Winslow, August

gious interest in Waterville, February, 1868.
Vinthrop, making extensive repairs on their meeting-house, October, 1867. Re-opened
ed, (reported November 12.) Sermon by Rev. Edward P. Baker, acting Pastor.
lbion, organized September 6, 1830, and Church in North Augusta, organized Decem-
ave become extinct, and are dropt from the list.
ounty Sabbath School Convention, Augusta, November 6, 7, 1867.—Address by Rev.
of Orono. Discussion of various subjects.
of Sabbath Schools, in Gardiner, Hallowell, and Augusta, held in Congregational
ner, May 6, 1868; Rev. Austin L. Park, of Gardiner, *President*. Next meeting in
y 5, 1869.
's Christian Association, formed in Augusta, and Gardiner, 1867.
L. Park, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference*. Next meeting in Clinton, October

ssociation, formed in Pittston, July 24, 1816, merged in Kennebec and Somerset

AND SOMERSET ASSOCIATION, united April 23, 1867, at Waterville, meets fourth
nuary, April, and October, and the second Monday in July. Rev. John Dinsmore,
cribe.

oln and Sagadahoc Conference — continued from page 98.

ed of a division of this Conference, on account of territorial extent, Nov., 1867.
ators and Members of Conference, by a Committee, published May 26, 1868.
y Sabbath School Convention, held in Waldoboro', October 3, 1867. Knox County
School Convention, in Congregational church, Union, May 28, 1868. Rev. Edward
arren, *Secretary*.
B. Richardson, of Newcastle, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference*; Rev. Charles
aldoboro', *Reporter*. Next Annual meeting in Rockland, June 8, 9, 1869.
OCIATION, formed in Warren, May 1, 1844; third Tuesday in January, and second
y and September. Rev. John J. Bulfinch, of Newcastle, *Scribe*.
EST) ASSOCIATION, formed at Phipsburg, May 1, 1844; first Tuesday in February,
mber. Rev. George E. Street, of Wiscasset, *Scribe*.

Penobscot Conference — continued from page 98.

BAKER, JR., installed Pastor of the First Congregational church, Orono, July 31,
. Newell, of Brewer Village, *Moderator of Council*; Rev. W. S. Kimball, of Dexter,
services: Reading the Scriptures, and Prayer, Rev. James Wells, of Dedham;
n, Rev. George M. Putnam, of Yarmouth, Neh. 4:6—"The people had a mind to
ing Prayer, Rev. R. B. Howard, of Farmington; Hymn; Charge to Pastor, Rev.
ld, of Bangor; Right-hand, Rev. S. L. Bowler, of Hampden; Address to People,
rey, of Oldtown; Anthem, by Choir; Benediction, by Pastor.
OLE, and JOHN E. PIERCE, were ordained as Missionaries of the American Board,
Eastern Turkey, July 30, 1868, in Bangor, by a Council called by Hammond-street
urches, of that city.—Rev. Enoch Pond, of Bangor, *Moderator of Council*; Rev.
., of Orono, *Scribe*. *Order of services*: Reading Scriptures, and Prayer, by Rev.
y, of Bangor; Sermon, Rev. Jacob M. Manning, of Boston; Ordaining Prayer, by
; Charge, Rev. N. G. Clark, of Boston, Secretary of Am. Board C. F. M.; Right-
wship, Rev. Crosby H. Wheeler, of the Harpoot Mission, Turkey; Concluding
Edward F. Cutter, of Warren; Benediction, Rev. John E. Pierce. Appropriate
ng, including one written for the occasion by a member of the Seminary.
WELLS, Dedham, elected September, 1867, Representative in the Maine Legislature.
difice of the church in Orono, re-opened for service, October 20, 1867, after repairs
, to the amount of $4000. Dedicatory Prayer, and Sermon, from the text, "Wor-
in the beauty of holiness," by Rev. Smith Baker, jr., acting Pastor. Rev. James
thodist church, assisted in the services. Appropriate music by the Choir.
et Church and Parish have bought and fitted up a parsonage, 1867.
vivals have been published,—of those in Dedham, Nov., 1867; Holden, April and
at Works, April; Oldtown and Hampden, May. (Fifteen added to Oldtown, July
iden, July 12.)
l Sabbath School Convention, semi-annual meeting, in Oldtown, September 10.
Address, by Rev. Aaron C. Adams, of Auburn. Annual meeting, in Hammond-
Bangor, March 10, 1868—Address by Rev. Smith Baker, jr., of Orono. Afternoon,
ening, Children's meeting — several brief addresses.
g Men's Christian Association, held their first Anniversary in First Congregational
, June 28, 1868.—Addresses, Rev. Dr. Herrick, Rev. S. P. Fay, and Rev. J. B. Gould,
. Mr. Barnes, of Boston, and Rev. Dr. Lambert, of New York; Report, by C. B.
nding Secretary; Devotional Exercises, Rev. B. S. Chase, and Rev. D. Goodwin.
Association have sustained several Sabbath Schools, Prayer meetings, and Preach-
ring the year.
Anniversary of Bangor Young Men's Bible Society, held in Hammond-street
28, 1868.—Report, and Addresses by Rev. C. H. Wheeler, of Harpoot mission,
Gould, of Methodist church.
of Bangor, *Scribe of Conference*; Dea. E. F. Duren, of Bangor, *Treasurer*.
st church, Brewer, 1868.
on, formed at Bangor, August 8, 1832. Annual Meeting on Tuesday pre-
December; other meetings by adjournment. Rev. H. Allen Shorey,

PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, Tuesday and Wednesday preceding the meeting of General Conference,—Organized in Foxcroft, Sept. 20, 1842.—Semi-Annual Meeting, third Tuesday in Oct.

Churches. Place and Name.	1868, May 4. Organized.	Ministers. Name.	Ordained.	Inst. or S.S.	Ch. Mem., May 4, 1868.—Admitted.—1867.—Removed. Baptized. M.A.	P.A.	Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Ab.	Prf.	Let.	Tot.	Dth	Dis.	Ex.	Tot	Ad.	Inf.	S.Sch	Cont.
Abbot and Guilford	1841, Feb. 2	John A. Perry, s.s.	1842, Feb. 20	1860, June 1	26		6	9	15	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	$ 2
Atkinson	1842, Feb. 15	Rufus W. Emerson, s.s.	1856, May 28	1863, June.	12		4	11	15	4	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	*50	5
Blanchard	1833, Mar. 13	Rufus W. Emerson, s.s.	1856, May 28	1868, Feb.			17	22	39	16	0	0	0	0	3	1	4	0	4	50	27
Bradford	1838, Mar. 21	Vacant.					7	11	18	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*50	0
Brownville	1819, Aug. 24	Leander S. Coan, s.s.	1863, June 18	1867, Nov. 10	5		52	91	143	21	57	6	63	0	2	0	2	23	2	225	50
Dexter	1854, July 22	Woodbury S. Kimball,	1867, Sept. 3	1867, Sept. 3	1	1	9	25	34	8	0	4	4	0	2	0	2	0	3	35	5
Foxcroft and Dover	1822, Dec. 30	Benjamin C. Chase,	1849, Jan. 8	1866, May 8	19	2	56	126	182	29	3	1	4	1	1	0	2	2	0	185	300
Garland	1820, March.	Peter B. Thayer,	1848, Dec. 12	1848, Dec. 12	20	20	41	61	102	14	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	100	125
Monson	1821, Aug. 11	John A. Perry, s.s.	1842, Feb. 20	1868, Feb.			23	29	52	17	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	75	180
Sangerville	1828, Aug. 28	John A. Perry, s.s.	1842, Feb. 20	1859, July 1			4	13	17	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	60	8
Ten.		*3 Pastors, 3 S.S.=6.*	*Av. Mins. and*	*Pastoral age,*	14	8	219	398	617	118	60	12	72	4	10	1	15	25	13	910	$702

Average age, Stated Supply, 5 years. * Union Schools.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, with church in Foxcroft and Dover, October 15, 16, 1867. Opening Sermon, Rev. Edward P. Stone, of Boston, "Our Father who art in Heaven"; Closing Sermon, Rev. Henry A. Shorey, of Penobscot Conference, Col. 2: 6. *Topics for remark:* 1. The necessity of the baptism of the Holy Ghost on this Conference. 2. The results of the special presence of the Holy Ghost. 3. How to attain the Spirit's presence. 4. How can ministers and members of the churches attain greater success in the use of the means of grace, viz: preaching, social meetings, Sabbath-schools. 5. Is it wise to substitute the Sabbath-school for one of the usual Sabbath services? 6. The importance that early [young] professors of christianity be earnestly engaged in promoting the cause of Christ. 7. What can be done to interest those at ease in Zion. 8. Ought members of our churches who continually neglect their covenant obligations, to be retained as members. Claims of the American Missionary Association, presented by Rev. E. P. Stone, of Boston. Ministerial brethren of the Free-Will Baptist denomination, and those of other denominations, were present, and participated in the services. Administration of the Lord's Supper, by Rev. H. A. Shorey, of Oldtown, and Rev. Peter B. Thayer, of Garland.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING, in Monson, June 16, 17, 1868—Deacon Charles Davison, of Monson, *Moderator.* Opening Sermon, Rev. Woodbury S. Kimball, of Dexter. Luke 11: 12—"As in Heaven, so in earth"; Conference Sermon, Rev. Leander S. Coan, of Brownville, Isaiah 63: 9—"In all their afflictions, he was afflicted." *Question discussed:* What shall be done to supply the spiritual destitution in our county. The subjects of domestic missions, and temperance, were introduced. Reports of the Churches, by the Scribe. No special religious interest except at Brownville. Administration of the ordinance of the Lord's Supper, by Rev. P. B. Thayer, and Rev. W. S. Kimball.

WOODBURY S. KIMBALL, from Bangor Seminary, 1867, ordained Pastor, in Dexter, September 3, 1867. Invocation, and Reading of the Scriptures, Rev. Rufus W. Emerson, of Monson; Introductory Prayer, Rev. B. F. Lawrence, of Baptist church, Dexter; Sermon, Rev. George Shepard, of Bangor, Romans 1: 16; Ordaining Prayer, Rev. Henry S. Loring, of Monson, *Moderator of Council;* Charge to Pastor, Rev. Wellington Newell, of Brewer Village, *Scribe of Council;* Right-hand, Rev. Benjamin C. Chase, of Foxcroft; Address to People, Rev. Peter B. Thayer, of Garland; Concluding Prayer, Rev. C. Stone, of Methodist church, Dexter. The music was appropriate and well performed.

Rev. HENRY S. LORING, leaves Monson, where he has been stated supply since 1862, and resumes his former charge in Amherst and Aurora.

Religious interest in Foxcroft and Dover, February, 1868. Rev. John U. Parsons, assisted in labors here a few weeks. To the Brownville church, were received fifty-eight to its communion. June 7, 1868; nearly double its numerical strength.

Piscataquis County Sabbath School Convention, in Monson, October 8, 9, 1867. Opening Address, by Rev. P. B. Thayer of Garland, "Feed my Lambs." Mr. G. W. Matthews, of Monson, labored three months as a missionary of this Convention, and also as colporteur of the County Bible Society. An interesting report was made by him at this meeting.

A session of this Convention was held in Sangerville, May 12, 13, 1868.

A Christian Convention, in Abbot, March 24, 25, 1868.

Rev. Leander S. Coan, of Brownville, *Scribe of Conference;* C. H. B. Woodbury, of Dover, *Treasurer.* Next meeting in Brownville, Oct. 20, 21, 1868.

PISCATAQUIS ASSOCIATION, formed at Monson, January 25, 1841. Annual Meeting, third Tuesday in February; other meetings, quarterly.

Name	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Ins. or S.S.	M.A.	P.A.	Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs	Prf.	Let.	Tot.	Dth	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	S. Sch	Cont.
.....	1804, April 19	Alexander R. Plumer, s.s.	1854, Dec. 13	1864, April 17	14		19	34	58	16	17	0	17	0	2	0	2	0	0	*50	$ 5
s.....	1867, June 6	Converse R. Daggett, s.s.	1862, Sept. 25	1867, June 8	6		9	13	22	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	8	0	75	0
ton.....	1805, July 24	John K. Deering, s.s.	1850, April 23	1867, Nov 1	18		22	38	60	0	11	1	12	1	0	0	1	8	1	75	50
field and Vassalboro	1801, Nov. 1	Fred. E. Sturgess,	Pastor, elect.	1868, Sept.			52	91	143	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	120	152
on.....	1826, April 25	Thomas G. Mitchell, s.s.	1846, Nov. 18	1851, Nov. 16	22		30	46	76	21	2	2	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	100	42
on, East....	1858, Mar. 24	Geo. W. Hathaway, s.s.	1833, Mar. 20	1867.	35		3	12	15	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	70
.....	1822, Oct. 22	Andrew McLeod, ss.	Licentiate.	1868, July.			16	17	33	9	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	25	15
gewock....	1797, Sept. 22	Benjamin Tappan,	1838, Aug. 8	1858, Oct. 27	30	10	39	88	127	30	3	9	12	5	3	0	8	0	1	175	384
.....	1842, Jan. 25	John K. Deering, s.s.	1850, April 23	1867, Nov. 1	18		3	11	14	3	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	75	33
South.....	1806, Sept. 30	Charles Bean, s.s.	Licentiate.	1867.			3	11	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	17
aibans.....	1830, June 20	William S. Sewall, s.s.	1839, Sept. 25	1864, June 10	29		7	17	24	4	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	85	12
Eleven.		*2 Past. 8 S.S. = 10.*	*Av. Mins. and*	*Pastoral age,*	21	10	203	378	581	104	33	19	52	11	10	0	21	16	4	820	$780

Average age, Stated Supply, 4 years.

* Union Schools.

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Semi-Annual Meeting, united with Kennebec Conference, and held in Winslow, October 22, 23, 1867. (See report on page 96.)

Forty-fifth Annual Meeting, in Athens, June 16, 17, 1868 -- Rev. George W. Hathaway, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, by Rev. William S. Sewall. Somerset Bible Society, held its annual meeting, in the earlier part of the first afternoon. Various reports and addresses made during the latter part of the afternoon. The evening was devoted to the question, "How to make the Sabbath School most efficient for good." The morning session of the second day, annual statistics of the churches presented, with verbal reports, and remarks and addresses following, on various topics. Conference Sermon, by the Moderator. Two members admitted to the church in Athens. Communion administered by Rev. Messrs. Benjamin Tappan and William S. Sewall. (*Scribe.*)

Rev. John K. Deering, stated supply in Holden, from 1865, called October, 1867, to his former charge in Solon -- accepts.

Rev. John U. Parsons, of Acton, labored for a season in Bingham and Solon.

Rev. Temple Cutler, dismissed from church in Skowhegan, January 13, 1868; installed Pastor, Athol, Mass., March 4, 1868.

Mr. **Fred. Eugene Sturgess**, of the senior class Bangor Seminary, 1868, is called to the pastorate of the church in Skowhegan. Accepts; expecting to be ordained in September.

Mr. C. **Bean**, a layman, member of the Congregational church Skowhegan, has labored in Athens and other places, sustaining meetings, and performing other missionary work.

Revivals reported -- Solon, in January; South Solon, and Athens, in February, with some church history; Bingham, in February and March, with reception of members in May.

Somerset and Franklin Association, formed at Strong, May 4, 1853; **Somerset Association**, united with **Franklin**, was formed July 19, 1844 -- these are now merged in the **Kennebec and Somerset Association**, formed at Waterville, April 23, 1867; meets fourth Tuesday of January, April, and October, and second Monday in July. Rev. John Dinsmore, of Winslow, *Scribe*.

Rev. Benjamin Tappan, of Norridgewock, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference*. Next meeting in Madison, June 8, 9, 1869.

UNION CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, Tuesday preceding second Wednesday in June (two days.—Organized in So. Bridgton, June 14, 1836.—Semi-Annual Meeting, last Tuesday in Oct. (two days.)

Churches.		1868, May 4.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem., May 4, 1833.			Admitted.—1867.			Removed.				Baptized.			
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Inst. or S.S.	M.A.	P.A.	Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Ab.	Prf.	Let.	Tot	Dth	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	S. Sch	Cont.
Albany	1803, Sept. 15	Samuel L. Gould, s.s.	1839, Oct. 23	1856, July 6	29		18	32	50	16	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	114	$41
Bridgton	1784, Aug. 26	Franklin E. Fellows,	1858, Dec. 15	1866, Jan. 4	10	2	38	86	124	20	1	2	3	1	2	0	3	*1	0	117	208
Bridgton, North	1832, Nov. 15	Ernest F. Borchers, s.s.	Licentiate.	1868, May.			15	33	48	16	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	40	20
Bridgton, South	1829, Dec. 29	Geo. F. Tewksbury, s.s.	1838, Jan. 31	1867, Dec. 1	30		23	41	64	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	25
Brownfield	1804, Oct. 15	Ezra B. Pike, s.s.	1863, Sept. 16	1867, May 26	5		19	28	47	5	8	0	8	0	2	0	2	8	0	90	35
Casco	1859, Aug. 1	Geo. F. Tewksbury, ½ s.s.	1838, Jan. 31	1864, May.			10	16	26	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	80	10
Denmark	1829, July 5	Vacant.					7	21	28	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	15
Fryeburg	1775, Aug. 17	David B. Sewall,	1842, Jan. 19	1859, Dec. 8	26	9	73	153	226	39	3	2	5	4	7	0	11	2	0	100	268
Harrison	1826, Feb. 15	Jas. P. Richardson, ½ s.s.	(F.W.Baptist)	1867.			19	23	42	21	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	45	20
Hiram	1826, Oct. 26	Vacant.					2	9	11	2	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	110
Lovell	1798, Oct. 6	Vacant.					47	88	135	19	2	1	3	3	8	1	12	1	0	100	156
Naples	1858, Aug. 10	Vacant.					3	15	18	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*50	5
Otisfield	1797, Nov. 23	Philo B. Wilcox, s.s.	1851, May 14	1865, Nov. 28	17		30	50	80	2	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	100	37
Stow & Chatham	1861, Oct. 23	Vacant.					14	22	36	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*50	8
Sweden	1817, Nov. 4	Vacant.					28	31	59	14	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	2	0	*50	60
Waterford	1799, Oct. 2	John A. Douglass,	1821, Nov. 9	1821, Nov. 7	47	47	41	73	114	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	139	432
Waterford, North	1865, June 20	John W. H. Baker, s.s.	1865, June 29	1868, May 1	3		25	48	73	11	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	115	100
Seventeen.		*3 Pas. 7 S.S.= 10.*	*Av. Mins. and*	*Pastoral age,*	21	19	412	769	1181	200	23	10	33	18	21	1	40	15	2	1320	$ 1550

Average age, Stated Supply, 3 years. * Union Schools.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Stephen Sanderson, Sweden, ordained Feb. 1, 1831; Benjamin Stearns, licensed January 11, 1860.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, in Fryeburg, October 29, 30, 1868.—Opening Sermon, by Rev. George F. Tewksbury, *Moderator*, p. t. Gal. 5:13—"By love serve one another;" Closing Sermon, Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Waldo Conference, Acts 14:1. *Topics for remark:* 1. The need of increased faith in divine truth as the only efficacious means of the conversion, and religious advancement, and salvation of men,—introduced by Rev. Joseph Smith. 2. The religious newspaper—its value to christians, and their families; the duty of christians to take some such paper,—Bro. J. S. Poor. 3. Acquaintance and social fellowship between church members, as promotive of unity and interest in each others temporal and spiritual welfare; how shall a greater degree of familiarity between members of the same church be secured,—Rev. Philo B. Wilcox. 4. The duty of conducting business upon religious principles, and of exemplifying in every calling, a stern integrity, coupled with the love to God and men,—Rev. Joseph Kyte. Lord's Supper, administered by Rev. Reuben Kimball, of Conway, N. H., and Rev. Joseph Kyte, of North Waterford. An interesting meeting, and God's Spirit seemed to hover over us. The churches well represented. (*Scribe.*)

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING, in Otisfield, June 9, 10, 1868—Bro. Franklin E. Fellows, *Moderator*. Sermon. Rev. Joseph Kyte, Matt. 1:23, and 28:20—Christ, as God—in all ages present with his people; Conference Sermon, Rev. Ezra B. Pike, John 21:17—Full assurance of love to Christ, and acceptance with him. *Topics for remark:* 1. Revivals of religion,—what is a revival? their necessity; obstacles; means for promoting them. Report of the Churches, by Rev. J. Kyte, Scribe of last year. Wednesday, A. M.—Annual meeting of Union Conference Bible Society—Rev. F. E. Fellows, *President:* Bro. C. Stone, of Bridgton, *Secretary* and *Treasurer*. Lord's Supper, administered by Rev. Rufus M. Sawyer, of Middleboro', Mass., (formerly pastor in Maine,) and Rev. Joseph Kyte, about removing to Waldo Conference.

Rev. JOSEPH KYTE, stated supply in North Waterford from 1865, accepts a call from First church in Stockton, and Second church in Searsport, April, 1868.

Rev. JOHN W. H. BAKER, from Island Pond, Vt., called to North Waterford.

Rev. JOSEPH SMITH, Pastor in Lovell, fifteen years, closed his labors there, April, 1868. He was in Belvidere, Illinois, July, 1868.

The church in Bridgton, have purchased and fitted up for a parsonage, the house owned by Rev. Josiah T. Hawes, (a former pastor,) August, 1867.

The meeting-house in Fryeburg, undergoing repairs, June, 1868.

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Churches. 1868, May 4.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem., May 4, 1868.					Admitted.—1867.—Removed.							Baptised		
...ad Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Inst. or S. S.	M.A.	P. A.	Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs	Prf.	Let.	Tot.	Dth	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	S. Sch	Cont.
...First....	1795, Dec. 29	Wooster Parker,	1832, Sept. 29	1856, Oct. 8	36	12	24	90	114	19	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	80	$ 266
...North....	1846, Sept. 24	Vacant.					12	25	37	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
.....	1805, Sept. 11	Vacant.					35	100	135	15	0	2	2	4	1	0	5	0	0	125	236
ort.....	1851, Nov. 18	Vacant.					4	11	15	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0
m.....	1858, April 13	William H. Beard, ½ s.s.	1867, Nov. 20	1866, Oct. 1	1		11	11	22	4	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	40	11
n & Brooks	1812, Oct. 6	Thomas E. Brastow,	1865, Oct. 11	1865, Oct. 11	3	3	18	49	67	17	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	5	50	57
ort.....	1854, June 12	Andrew J. Smith,	1866, Nov. 7	1866, Nov. 7	2	2	12	31	43	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	50	17
Searsport, First..	1815, Oct. 4	Jonathan E. Adams,	1859, Oct. 19	1866, May 16	9	2	39	110	149	21	6	1	7	4	3	0	7	6	0	100	249
Stockton.....	1855, Sept. 19	Joseph Kyte, s.s.	1862, Sept. 25	1868, June 1	6		5	18	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	56
Unity.....	1839, Oct. 16	Joseph Kyte, s.s.	1862, Sept. 25	1868, June 1			33	50	83	16	5	2	7	1	0	0	1	3	0	75	115
Winterport.....	1804, Dec.	No ordinances.		As last year.			5	16	21	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	6
	1820, Sept. 17	Abiel H. Wright,	1856, Nov. 1	1866, Nov. 1	2	2	16	59	75	12	4	2	6	0	0	0	0	2	0	75	50
Twelve.		*5 Pastors. 2 S.S.=7.*		*Av. Mins. and Pastoral age*	8	4	211	570	784	129	18	9	27	12	6	0	18	12	7	730	$ 1963

Average age, Stated Supply, 1 year.

Rev. Stephen Thurston, ordained August 9, 1826, Secretary Maine Missionary Society. Post-office address, Searsport.

Semi-annual Meeting, in Freedom, October 15, 16, 1867. Opening Sermon, by the *Moderator*, Rev. Stephen Thurston, Acts 14:1; Conference Sermon, Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, Romans 12:4–8. *Topics for remark:* 1. How can the members of our churches most efficiently co-operate with their Pastors in promoting the christian's work. 2. The one-service system. 3. Christian union. 4. Sabbath Schools. 5. Neglect of public worship. Lord's Supper, administered by Rev. William Warren, of Cumberland Conference, and Rev. Wooster Parker, of Belfast, and Deacons Perley and Baker. Meetings well attended.

Twentieth Annual Meeting, in Jackson, June 9, 10, 1868—Dea. S. G. Adams, of Camden, *Moderator*. Sermons, Rev. William H. Beard, of Freedom, Acts 17:16; Tuesday, P. M., Rev. Wooster Parker, Eph. 2:20–22; Wednesday, P. M., Rev. Abiel H. Wright, of Winterport, Matt. 28:20. *Topics for discussion:* 1. Duty of churches towards absent members. 2. How shall we bring the people more directly and constantly under the influence of the means of grace. 3. The duty of churches towards strangers with reference to public worship. 4. Sabbath Schools. Report of the Churches, by the Scribe.

William H. Beard, ordained as an Evangelist, in Freedom, November 19, 1867. Introductory services, by Rev. Thomas E. Brastow, *Scribe of Council*. Sermon, by Rev. Stephen Thurston, *Moderator of Council;* Consecrating Prayer, Rev. Jonathan E. Adams; Charge, Rev. S. F. Beard, of Andover, Mass., (father of the candidate); Right-hand, Rev. Edwin S. Beard, of Warren, (a brother); Concluding Prayer, Rev. James Small, of Free-will Baptist church; Benediction, Rev. William H. Beard.

Rev. Stephen Thurston, preached a commemorative sermon on his seventieth birth-day, Dec. 22, 1867, A. M., in Stockton; P. M., in Second church, Searsport; *Evening*, First church, Searsport, where he ministered forty years. Text of discourse—"The days of our years are three-score years, and ten.

Rev. Franklin P. Chapin, dismissed from church in Camden, September 4, 1867. Records of Council published. Rev. Javan K. Mason, of Thomaston, *Moderator;* Rev. Edwin S. Beard, of Warren, *Scribe*. Mr. Chapin, installed Pastor East-street Congregational church, Amherst, Mass., January 21, 1868. Mrs. Sarah W., wife of Mr. C., died suddenly, in Amherst, January 22, 1868, aet 37.

Rev. Abiel H. Wright, closed his labors at Frankfort Mills, Oct. 1, 1867. He now remains Pastor of the church in Winterport.

Rev. Andrew J. Smith, leaves Rockport, June 1, 1868.

Rev. Joseph Kyte, stated supply in North Waterford from 1865, accepts a call from Sandy Point, and Second church, Searsport, June, 1868.

The Meeting-house of First Congregational church, Belfast, to be repaired and re-modeled, and to have a new bell in the tower, May, 1868.

The Meeting-house of Second church, Searsport, to be completely re-modeled; and the parsonage at Sandy Point to be repaired, June, 1868.

The vestry of the church in Camden, destroyed by fire, July 21, 1868. Margaret McFarlane, a member of this church, now Missionary in Labrador, has written letters respecting this mission, which are published. After Rev. F. P. Chapin left, Rev. N. Butler, of the Baptist church, preached in the meeting-house of the Congregational church, while the Baptist house was undergoing repairs.

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WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, second Tuesday in June.—Organized in Eastport, February 18, 1829.—Semi-Annual Meeting, second Tuesday in October.

Churches.		1868, May 4.		Ministers.			Ch. Mem., May 4, 1868.				Admitted.—1867.—				Removed.			Baptised.		
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Inst. or S. S.	M.A.	P.A.	Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs	Prf.	Let.	Tot.	Dth	Dis.	Ex	To:	Ad.	Inf.	S Sch	Cont.
Alexander	1854, Nov. 7	Vacant.					1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	$ 0
alais	1825, Aug. 17	Rufus K. Harlow, s.s.	Licentiate.	1867, Mar. 1			45	138	183	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	8	0	125	377
herryfield	1833, Aug. 20	Vacant.		As last year.			4	13	17	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ooper	1825, Feb 22	Vacant.					5	12	17	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
ennysville	1805, Oct. 27	Charles Whittier,	1860, Nov. 13	1860, Nov. 13	8	8	46	71	117	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	3	220	268
astport, Central,	1819, Feb. 7	Edward R. Osgood, s.s.	Licentiate.	1868, June 7			18	51	69	25	1	1	2	4	1	0	5	0	0	60	93
mesboro'	1840, April 24	Vacant.		As last year.			6	5	11	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ibec	1818, Sept. 1	Vacant.					1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
achias, Center-st	1782, Sept. 12	Henry F. Harding, s.s.	1855, Oct. 17	1855, June 15	13		49	132	181	27	2	1	3	1	1	0	2	0	4	425	503
achias, East	1826, June 8	Edward P. Wells, s.s.	1866, April 15	1866, Oct. 1	2		27	88	115	45	7	0	7	0	3	0	3	7	0	125	115
achiasport	1831, June 25	Gilman Bacheller, s. s.	1831, June 15	1867, Sept.	37		18	22	40	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	10
orthfield	1833, Sept. 15	Vacant.					5	7	12	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0
embroke	1835, Sept. 30	William C. Wood, s.s.	Licentiate.	1868, March.			6	20	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
erry	1822, Oct. 7	John S. Bane, s. s.	Licentiate.	1868, June 14			10	22	32	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	5
rinceton	1858, Dec. 2	John E. Fierce, s.s.	Licentiate.	1867, May.			6	17	23	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	25
obbinston	1811, Nov. 24	William C. Wood, s.s.	Licentiate.	1867, Mar. 24			28	73	101	30	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	0	0	65	83
Stephens, N.B.	1846, Oct. 21	Edgar L. Foster,	1867, Oct. 4	1867, Sept.	1	1	62	125	187	40	4	3	7	0	2	0	2	2	0	200	624
field	1861, Nov. 6	Vacant.					7	16	23	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	0
ting	1833, Nov. 9	Edward G. Smith, s. s.	Licentiate.	1867, Aug.			3	10	13	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	75	50
neyville	1835, Dec. 7	Edward Kingsbury, s. s.	Licentiate.	1868, July.			18	24	42	6	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	50	0
Twenty.		*2 Past. 10 S. S.=12.*	*Av. Mins. and*	*Pastoral age,*	12	4	365	850	1215	223	15	5	20	10	14	2	26	10	7	1760	$ 2153

Average age, Stated Supply, 3 years.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, in Machiasport, October 1, 2, 1867. Sermons, Rev. Charles Whittier, of Dennysville, and Rev. Calvin Butler, of Eastport. *Subjects for discussion:* The importance of a more entire consecration to Christ, and the interests of religion. The Sabbath School—its importance; the best methods of conducting it; the responsibility of teachers; the duty of the church to sustain it. The spiritual wants of the County, the low state of religion, and the destitution of Pastors, were cause of much solicitude to those who love Zion. Conference closed with the usual observance of the Lord's Supper. A goodly number of the people of the place attended the meetings. (*Scribe.*)

THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING in St. Stephens, N. B., June 9, 10, 1868. Rev. Henry F. Harding, of Machias, *Moderator.* Opening Sermon by E. R. Osgood, of Eastport, Licentiate from Bangor Seminary. Sermon before the County Bible Society by the Moderator of Conference; closing Sermon by Rev. Samuel H. Merrill, of Portland. The wants of destitute places in the region of Topsfield were laid before Conference, by Dea. Sweet, of Topsfield. The Bible cause presented by Rev. Samuel H. Merrill, agent American Bible Society. An interesting Sabbath School meeting was held on Tuesday evening. Exercises closed with the communion season. (*Scribe.*)

EDGAR L. FOSTER, ordained Pastor Congregational church, St. Stephens, N. B., October 4, 1867. Sermon, Rev. Frederic Hastings, of St John, N. B.; Ordaining Prayer, Rev. Calvin Butler, of Eastport; Charge to Pastor, Rev. Charles Whittier, of Dennysville; Right hand, Rev. Edward P. Wells, of East Machias; Address to People, Rev. Henry F Harding, of Machias; Concluding Prayer, Rev. A. Judson Rich, of Westminster, Mass.

HENRY PAGE, *Licentiate*, Whitneyville, left May 20, 1867, for Andover, Mass.

Church in Robbinston, repairing their meeting-house at an expense of $700. William C. Wood, stated supply, September, 1867.

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Churches.	1868, May 4.		Ministers.					Ch. Mem., May 4, 1868.—Admitted.—1867.—Removed.											Baptized.	
...ad Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Inst. or S. S.	M. A.	P. A.	Male.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs	Prf.	Let.	Tot.	Dth	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Ad.	Inf.	S. Sch	Cont.
.....	1781, Sept. 18	Vacant.					15	22	37	10	0	0	0	3	5	0	8	0	0	40	$34
.....	1791, Sept. 8	Vacant.					29	67	96	25	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	80	26
...rd, First....	1739, April 30	Nath'l Richardson, s.s.	1838, Aug. 8	1867, Mar. 1	30		24	60	84	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	100	50
...rd, Second.	1805, May 1	John D. Emerson,	1858, Oct. 1	1868, Mar. 5	9		73	198	271	0	8	3	11	6	5	0	10	5	1	200	220
...rd, Pavilion.	1857, Oct. 20	Charles Tenney,	1844, Feb. 7	1858, Dec 2	24	10	35	128	164	36	5	1	6	7	3	0	10	2	0	225	275
.....	1763, Mar. 16	No report.	As last year,	ex. cont.			10	51	61	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	57
...n Center.....	1763, Mar. 16	Charles C. Parker, s.s.	1848, Oct. 4	1867, July 1	20		12	37	49	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	31
Cornish Village....	1840, Sept. 16	Albert Cole, s.s.	1847, Mch. 25	1858, July 4	21		13	40	53	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	60	40
Elliot.....	1721, June 22	Charles Peabody, s.s.	1841, Dec. 10	1866, Oct. 20	27		15	60	75	11	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	40	0
Kennebunk, Union.	1826, Aug. 15	Walter E. Darling,	1862, May 20	1866, Mar. 20	6		37	52	89	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	93	550
Kennebunkport....	1739, Nov.	Vacant.					17	42	59	14	2	1	3	2	0	0	2	2	0	50	70
Kittery, First.....	1838, Jan.	Vacant.					8	42	50	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	15
Kittery, So.	1714, Nov. 4	Vacant.					11	23	34	0	0	0	0	2	5	0	7	0	1	94	45
Lebanon.....	1765, June 24	No report.	As last year,	ex. cont.			19	43	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	78
Limerick.....	1795, July 5	Philip Titcomb, s.s.	1847, April 7	1865, May 7	21		31	67	98	21	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	50	60
Limington.....	1789, Oct. 11	Albion H. Johnson,	1865, Nov. 1	1864, Sept. 1	3	4	33	77	110	45	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	125	15
Lyman.....	1801, Dec. 2	William A. Merrill, s.s.	1852, Oct. 27	1864, Dec. 10	15		41	64	105	9	0	2	2	5	2	0	7	0	0	100	78
Newfield, West....	1801, July 1	George S. Kemp, s.s.	1856, Feb. 28	1864, June 26	12		18	28	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	46
Parsonsfield.....	1796, Jan. 7	Vacant.					5	10	15	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Saco, First.....	1762, Oct. 13	Vacant.					89	207	296	64	2	5	7	3	5	0	8	1	0	131	748
Sanford.....	1786, July 19	Vacant.					20	36	56	14	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	72
Sanford, South....	1776.	Vacant.					10	23	33	2	8	2	10	0	1	0	1	8	0	35	18
Shapleigh.....	1823, Oct. 23	No report.	As last year.				3	8	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Berwick....	1702, June 4	Silvanus Hayward,	1861, Oct. 9	1866, May 10	7	2	28	97	125	33	4	2	6	3	3	0	6	3	8	125	1008
Wells, First.....	1701, Oct. 29	Lewis Goodrich, s.s.	1850, Jan. 1	1868, Mar. 7	18		37	102	139	26	0	0	0	3	3	0	6	0	0	120	117
Wells, Second.....	1831, Aug. 23	Samuel Bowker, s.s.	1845, Dec. 8	1867, Oct. 1	22		32	62	94	7	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	90	132
York, First.....	1673, Nov.	John Parsons,	1857, May 14	1866, Dec. 26	11	2	26	81	107	18	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	128
York, Second	1732.	Vacant.					14	40	54	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	25
Twenty-eight.		*6 Pastors. 9 S.S.=15.*	*Av. Mins. and*	*Pastoral age,*	16	8	706	1767	2473	389	31	16	47	45	41	0	86	23	12	2146	$ 3938

Average age, Stated Supply 2 years.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Rev. Thomas C. Upham, Kennebunkport, July 16, 1823; Rev. John U. Parsons, Evangelist, North Acton, ordained September, 1831; Rev. Thomas N. Lord, Limerick, August 10, 1837; Rev. William Pierce, West Buxton.

YORK ASSOCIATION, organized in Arundel, (now Kennebunkport) October 27, 1817, meets on the first Tuesday of February and May, and the last Tuesday in September. Rev John H. Windsor, of Saco, *Scribe*.

The ministers in South Berwick, Elliot, York, and Kittery, are connected with the PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION, formed in Kittery, October 24, 1781.—Annual Meeting, third Tuesday in April; other meetings on the third Tuesday of July, October, and January. Rev. George M. Adams, of Portsmouth, N. H., *Scribe*.

[Continued on page 106.]

York Conference — continued from page 105.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, with First church, Biddeford, October 29, 30, 1867. Opening Sermon, by the Moderator, Rev. Phillip Titcomb, of Limerick, 2 Cor. 5:14, 15 — The constraining love of Christ; Communion Sermon, Rev. Benjamin G. Page, of Lebanon, Luke 19:10 — Christ came to seek and save the lost. *Discussion:* The importance of personal effort to save souls: what can be done to make the churches more efficient in this work? do we receive answers to prayer as we are taught to expect from the promises of God? if not, why? the full assurance of faith; what can be done to promote the better observance of the Lord's day? George B. Buzzell, of Portland, presented the claims of the American Sabbath School Union; Rev. Edward P. Stone, of Boston, the American Missionary Association; Rev. S. H. Merrill, of Portland, the American Bible Society. Rev. J. E. Baxter, of the Methodist church, spoke on personal consecration to Christ, and his cause; Rev. John T. Morgan, of North Lawrence, Kansas, referred to the wants of his community, and received a collection in aid of his church edifice. Rev. Joshua S. Gay, formerly of this State, took part in the exercises of Conference. The Report of the Committee on the destitutions of the County, was read and accepted; Committee to continue their work, and report to Conference. Lord's Supper, administered by Rev. Silvanus Hayward, of South Berwick, and Rev. Joshua S. Gay, of Newbury, Mass.

FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING, in Lyman, June 2, 3, 1868 — Rev. Philip Titcomb, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, Rev. Charles Tenney, of Biddeford, Neh. 6:3 — Doing a great work; Closing Sermon, Rev Truman A. Merrill, of Bernardstown, Mass., James 1:25 — Not a forgetful hearer. *Topics for remark:* The work to which christians are appointed by God. 1. What it is. 2. How to be performed. 3. Its difficulties. 4. Incentives to it. 5. Responsibility and obligations to its successful performance. 6. Its results.— Home Missions. Tuesday evening, meetings at schoolhouses in different parts of the parish. Wednesday, A. M., a meeting of the York County Bible Society. Report of the Churches, by Rev. Silvanus Hayward, of South Berwick. Conference recommended the adoption of Cent Societies, auxiliary to Maine Missionary Society. Ordinance of the Lord's Supper, administered by Rev. Lewis Goodrich, of First church, Wells, and Rev. Samuel Bowker, of Second church, Wells.

Rev. JOHN D. EMERSON, from Haverhill, N. H., graduate of Dartmouth, 1853, Andover, 1858 — installed Pastor Second church, Biddeford, March 5, 1868. Invocation and Reading of Scripture, Rev. Nathaniel Richardson, of Biddeford; Sermon, Rev. John R. Herrick, Professor in Bangor Seminary; Installing Prayer, Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Searsport; Charge to Pastor, Rev. Chas. Peabody, of Elliot, Moderator of Council; Right-hand, Rev. Silvanus Hayward, of South Berwick, Scribe of Council; Address to Church and Society, Rev. William A. Merrill, of Lyman; Prayer, Rev. Samuel Bowker, of Wells.

Rev. GILES LEACH, closed his labors in First church, Wells, September 28, 1867, and accepts a call, to Rye, N. H.

Rev. JOHN ORR, dismissed from Alfred, October 8, 1867. Record of Council, of which Rev. Philip Titcomb, of Limerick, was *Moderator*, and Rev. Walter E. Darling, of Kennebunk, *Scribe*, was published, with the Report of Committee of Council, Revs. Truman A. Merrill and John H. Windsor, and Bro. Ira Clark. Mr. Orr removed to Melrose, Mass.

Rev. JAMES M. PALMER, unable to preach statedly on account of a throat difficulty, and has become agent of an Insurance Company, and a resident of Portland. Dismissed by Council from Biddeford Second church, March 5, 1868.

Rev. CHARLES PACKARD, Pastor in Limerick, 1860 to 1864, dismissed February 12, 1868.

Rev. BENJAMIN G. PAGE, resigned the pastorate at Lebanon Center, March, 1868.

Rev. JOHN H. WINDSOR, resigned the pastorate at Saco, April 12, 1868. Dismissed by Council, May 12, 1868. Rev. EDWARD P. THWING, of Boston, Mass., supplying at Saco, June, 1868. Rev. EDWARD CHASE, of Kennebunkport, supplied in May, 1868.

Rev. THOMAS L. ELLIS, of Kittery, goes to North Scituate, R. I. for a year.

Rev. JOSEPH BARTLETT, Buxton, sup. temporarily the First church, Westbrook, and Kittery.

The meeting-house in Kittery, damaged by fire, December, 1867.

The Congregational church in Limington, through the efforts of Rev. Albert Cole, acting Pastor, have purchased and repaired the Baptist meeting-house in L. Dedicated May 6, 1868; Sermon, by Rev. Charles Tenney, of Biddeford; Consecrating Prayer, Rev. Philip Titcomb, of Limerick.

York County Christian Convention, of all Evangelical denominations, held in Saco, March 3, 4, 1868.

Young Men's Christian Association, Biddeford, sustain twelve weekly prayer meetings in different localities; and lay preaching on the Sabbath.—July, 1868.

Rev. Albert Cole, of Cornish, *Scribe* and *Treasurer of Conference*; Rev. Silvanus Hayward, of South Berwick, *Reporter*. Next Semi-annual meeting in Cornish Village, October 13, 14, 1868.

Oxford Conference — continued from page 97.

Rev. WILLIAM V. JORDAN, resigns the charge of Church in Andover, Sept., 1867.

Rev. FRANCIS B. KNOWLTON, closed his labors in South Paris, October, 1867.

Rev. BENJAMIN F. MANWELL, closed his labors in Turner, December, 1867.—Accepts a call to Mattapoisett, Mass., May 1, 1868.

Rev. ABRAM MAXWELL, resigns pastorate in Sumner; dismissed May 5, 1868.

HOLLAND B. FRY, of the last class in Oberlin, Ohio, receives a call from Andover, March 1, 1868. Mr. F. was in the army, 1861 to 1864.

FERDINAND W. DICKINSON, stated supply in Gorham, N. H., receives a call to Turner, April, 1868. The meeting-house in T. has been repaired and additions made to the parsonage.

Rev. David Garland, of Bethel, *Scribe and Treasurer;* Deacon T. G. Goodwin, of Norway, *Reporter of Sabbath Schools*. Next meeting in Gorham, N. H., October 27, 28, 1868.

OXFORD ASSOCIATION, formed in Norway, June 11, 1822, meets on the second Tuesday of May and September.

Union Conference — continued from page 102.

Rev. Ezra B. Pike, of Brownfield, *Scribe;* Abel Heald, of Lovell, *Treasurer*. Next meeting in Casco, October, 27, 28, 1868.

UNION ASSOCIATION, formed in South Bridgton, January 1, 1834 — meets the first Tuesday in January, May, July, September, and November. Rev. Ezra B. Pike, of Brownfield, *Scribe*.

Waldo Conference—continued from page 103.

Smith, Bangor Seminary, to supply the Congregational and Baptist churches, ach congregation uniting.
in Thorndike, organized August 28, 1834, has become extinct.
erance Convention in Stockton, October 16, 1867.
E. Brastow, of Brooks, *Scribe* and *Treasurer of Conference*.
SOCIATION, formed in Belfast, November 10, 1830. Annual Meeting, in August. ree times, in addition, during the year. Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Searsport,

Washington Conference—continued from page 104.

Babb, of senior class, Andover, Mass, supplied the pulpit in Eastport, in April and R. Osgood, of Bangor Seminary, in June. John S. Bane, from Union Theological plied in Perry, from June 1. Rev. Davis Foster, of West Newbury, Mass., in Calais, 7. Rev. Josiah C. Thatcher, of Marblehead, Mass., in June, 1868. F. E. Sturgess, inary, in East Machias, November, 1867.
Peart, stated supply in Jonesboro, Northfield, and Whitneyville, 1856 to 1859, died nsas, July 11, 1868.
Kilby, of Dennysville, who died November 20, 1867, aet. 74, was for twenty-three of the Congregational church in D. He left by his will, a legacy of $2500, for the inister in D. A man of great energy of character; deep piety, and large benevo- present at prayer meetings, and meeting of County Conferences.
from Robbinston, who with her husband, Rev. Benjamin G. Snow, left the United years since, to labor in the Micronesian mission, arrived in this country to visit her d to provide for the education of their children, who came with her, June, 1868.
Whittier, of Dennysville, *Scribe of Conference*; Dea. George A. Peabody, of East- r. Next meeting in Dennysville, October 27, 28, 1868.
N ASSOCIATION.—Times of meeting, June and October. Sub-Associations more ev. Henry F. Harding, of Machias, *Scribe*.

Cumberland Conference—additional from page 92.

WITHOUT CHARGE, and last Post-Office address.—Nathan W. Sheldon, Gray, or- 1824; Amory H Tyler, Falmouth, ord. June 6, 1865; William H. Haskell, Wood- Westbrook, ordained March 17, 1863; Samuel Morrison, Portland, ord. Oct. 25, 1865. Stanley, Professor in Bates College, Lewiston, *Licentiate*.

State of Maine"—article by Dr. A D. Eddy, in New York Evangelist, October 31. spect; its social, educational, moral and religious interests. Reference to Bowdoin Bangor Seminary, and its Professors. Summary of Congregationalism of Maine and ence, Christian Mirror, Nov. 5, 12, 1867—April 28, 1868. General Conference of Maine, Observer, Oct. 24—Nov. 7. Religious aspects of Maine; Conference; Temperance; ociations, and Conventions; Education, by w. w.—Congregationalist, Nov. 21, 1867.

mber of historical facts pertaining to the churches of Maine; changes of ministers formerly of the State, and of the Alumni of Bangor Seminary; and also references ublished articles pertaining to the churches and ministers of Maine, have been ring the year, but it was judged best by the Conference not to insert them with the *ub. Com.*

SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 4, 1868.

General Conference organized in Portland, January 10, 1826.

COUNTY CONFERENCES.	No. of Churches in Conferences.	Pastors.	Stated Supplies.	Licentiates.	Total Pastors, S. S., and Licentiates.	Average Ministerial age.	Average Pastoral age.	Average age Stated Supply.	Members, May 4, 1868. Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Admitted. Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Removed. Deaths.	Dismission.	Excluded.	Total.	Baptisms. Adults.	Infants.	Total.	Number in Sabbath Schools.	Contributions in the Churches.
AROOSTOOK	12	0	3	1	4	13	0	4	104	188	292	48	0	10	10	4	3	3	10	0	1	1	654	$ 121
CUMBERLAND	38	16	13	0	29	10	10	4	1522	3,571	5,093	607	302	117	419	75	78	2	155	182	48	230	3,743	12,280
FRANKLIN	11	2	6	2	10	20	6	3	298	488	786	133	17	15	32	13	17	1	31	8	2	10	908	947
HANCOCK	13	2	8	0	10	21	23	3	316	710	1,026	142	46	4	50	18	14	0	32	20	10	30	1,359	1,419
KENNEBEC	15	4	6	1	11	16	2	2	340	950	1,290	271	60	28	88	21	26	0	47	37	6	43	2,038	3,041
LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC	23	6	7	1	14	15	8	4	605	1,623	2,228	385	58	14	72	40	21	9	70	38	42	80	2,116	5,834
OXFORD	15	4	2	2	8	13	5	2	317	637	954	150	36	15	51	19	15	5	39	23	2	25	1,125	888
PENOBSCOT	16	4	5	1	10	15	4	2	468	1,102	1,570	339	87	31	118	33	38	3	74	37	24	61	2,294	6,833
PISCATAQUIS	10	3	3	0	6	14	8	5	219	398	617	118	60	12	72	4	10	1	15	25	13	38	910	702
SOMERSET	11	2	6	2	10	21	10	4	203	378	581	104	33	19	52	11	10	0	21	16	4	20	820	780
UNION	17	3	6	1	10	21	19	3	412	769	1,181	200	23	10	33	18	21	1	40	15	2	17	1,320	1,550
WALDO	12	5	2	0	7	8	4	1	214	570	784	129	18	9	27	12	6	0	18	12	7	19	730	1,063
WASHINGTON	20	2	3	7	12	12	4	3	395	850	1,245	223	15	5	20	10	14	2	26	10	7	17	1,760	2,153
YORK	28	6	9	0	15	16	3	2	706	1,767	2,473	389	31	16	47	45	41	0	86	23	12	35	2,146	3,938
Fourteen	241	59	79	18	156	215	106	42	6089	14,001	20,090	3241	786	305	1091	323	314	27	664	446	180	626	21,923	$41,549

Five churches dropped from the list; North Augusta, Organized, Dec. 23, 1829, and Albion, Sept. 6, 1830, of Kennebec Conf.; Monticello, Jan. 25, 1833, and Washburn, March 16, 1845, of Aroostook; and Thorndike, Aug. 28, 1834, of Waldo Conf.

One added—Athens, Somerset Conf., organized June 6, 1867. Two churches connected with the General Conference are in New Hampshire, (Gorham and Shelburne) and one in New Brunswick (St. Stephens).

Adding forty-one ordained ministers without pastoral charge, not in the TABLES, and deducting three who were stated supply in more than one Conference, the whole number of ministers is one hundred and seventy-six. Number of Licentiates, twenty-seven. Ministers dismissed, ten. Pastors installed, six. Pastors ordained, two. Evangelists ordained, three. Ministers deceased, four; and six formerly residing in the State.

Average ministerial age of all ordained ministers in the State, nineteen years. Of the forty-one who have no pastoral charge, twenty-nine years.

Average time of settlement of fifty-nine over the churches of which they are now Pastors, eight years. Average time to each Conference may be seen in the above table. Average time of settlement of ninety-seven stated supplies, three years.

The number received by profession and letter, 1091—last year, 1286. Removed by death, dismission, and exclusion, 664—last year, 705. Baptisms, 626—last year, 794. Contributions, $41,549—last year, $38,437. Total membership, 20,090—last year, 19,830. Non-residents, 3,241—last year, 3,245.

Increase of total membership from last year, 260. Increase in seven Conferences, viz: Cumberland, 308; Hancock, 23; Lincoln and Sagadahoc, 23; Penobscot, 2; Piscataquis, 52; Somerset, 53; Waldo, 1; Total, 462. Decrease in six Conferences, viz: Franklin, 50; Kennebec, 7; Oxford, 71; Union, 8; Washington, 3; York, 63; Total, 202. Aroostook, same as last year.

(The above Summary is in agreement with the Tables. It varies somewhat from the summary by the Corresponding Secretary, on pages 81—83; that being published before the tables had been finally examined, and added up; so that the discrepancies are not quite so large as at first appeared).

Of the contributions, $10,000 was for Home Missions; $9,000, Foreign Missions; $4,500, American Missionary Association; $1,700, Tract Societies; $1,000, Am. Bible Society; $300, Am. Education Society; $1,400, Am. and Foreign Christian Union; $500, Seamen; $400, Maine Cong. Charitable Society; $—— American Cong. Union.

REPORTS.

BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Incorporated, February 25, 1814.

Committee appointed to visit Bangor Seminary, attended to their
d would make the following report:

ere well received and well cared for. We went to these Anniversaries on
to get the kind of knowledge the churches most need to have concerning the
r and its management. Are those young men well taught? Are the in-
s given there, thorough and biblical? Is it well with the Seminary pecunia-
the school doing its great work, and doing it well?

mmittee, in order to answer these questions intelligently, gave careful atten
e examination of the classes. They did more than simply *notice* the exami-
ficially; they ventured to test its thoroughness. This they did in no wish to
their work, nor the importance of their presence,—nor simply for their own
on,—having confidence in the Professors; but to be able to speak intelli-
this School of the Prophets, and to defend it against even the whisperings
ion or complaint. We cared less to know how well the young men could an-
questions in their course, than to know the grounds of their belief, and their
state and defend the christian doctrines.

ofessors extended to us the courtesy of the fullest freedom with their classes,
which freedom, the examination, though apparently thorough, might have
give entire satisfaction; but which, in this case, accrued to the credit of the
nd also of the Professors, and the School.

erved with pleasure the accuracy and thoroughness in the Department of
ct,—covering the original languages of the Scriptures. While this Professor
heck the spirit of rash inquiry, of loose speculation, and bold theorizing
manner of the German critics, he inspires in his class the love of knowledge
ct scholarship, and encourages a manly independence of thought. As he
class over the sacred ground of revelation in its original forms, he seems
, and to wish to have the class conscious, that they are treading upon the
as well as the treasures of divine truth: they are taught to step reverently
ously; while, at the same time, earnest investigation and zeal for the truth,
raged. We may trust those young men as to any rationalistic taint or
r the influence of their department has tended to discountenance these;
aken thought, and excite the spirit of safe inquiry, and a rational enthu-

[redacted], having completed their course under Professor Harris, had re-
er Dr. Pond. So your Committee had the pleasure of sitting

under the light of both these suns at the same time;—scarcely knowing which was the one, and which the other;—which Doctor was of the Old School, and which the New; or which Theology was the old wine, and which the new. But it was all very good, and we well drank, and were nothing worse.

We took care to cross-examine the class a little, at points, apparently to *their* satisfaction, as it certainly was to ours; and much to their credit, even if not to ours. As we pushed them gently toward some weak point, or dark place, we were glad to see that they knew their ground, and the perils that bound it. How those young men, who went through their course between two such walls of strength and safety, can ever become heretical, we were hardly able to see. They finish their course at the school, this fall, and we commend them to the churches, as sound in the faith.

The examination in theories of church polity, and pastoral duties, under Dr. Pond, touched a great variety of topics. The class showed tact of thought, a balanced judgment, quick common sense, correct discernment and discrimination.

The class in Ecclesiastical history, not having reviewed the ground, covering the development of the great doctrines and heresies, the examination in that department was principally of the Old Testament history of the Church.

It is with sadness that we refer to the department so long and ably filled by the late Dr. Shepard. We will only say of this examination, that it sustained the high reputation of the department in former years.

We attempt no historic notice of the lamented Shepard. He rests from his labors, and his works follow him. His record is on high, as also in the churches, where, too, is his praise. Little can be added to this record by way of eulogy; for itself is eulogy. His record is indeed closed, but not his work. We live when life ceases, if we live well while life lasts. We are privileged to work on when the hand is still, if, while we live, we do the work of God. If our light has been truly the light of the world, it shall shine on when our sun of life has set. The star, deepest in heaven, shines, perhaps, for ages, after itself is extinct; and before its last beams tell to earth the story. So, the great lights of the Church, that are nearest to God, shine on after they are no more, as do the extinct stars in heaven.

Such labors as Shepard's have no closing. The work goes on;—death but accelerates it. The hand of marvelous skill is indeed motionless;—the tongue, whose weight of words and flash of thought so stirred and shook assemblies, is silent; but the *work* lasts; the thoughts still live and burn! The influence, the inspiration and splendor, are undying. That good man,—of Grecian mould and cut,—of striking individuality, of majestic mien and bearing, but of childlike simplicity,—that rare mind, so modest, but richly endowed,—those qualities of character and gifts of heart, all under the veil of gentleness and meekness,—that grand originality that wrought itself into conceptions—to be hurled forth in a blaze of imagery and fearful metaphor, all in the service of truth and of Christ,—we love to look upon him thus furnished and consecrated,—the tower of strength and beauty in our Zion,—where the watchmen were wont to go for drilling and arming for life's great battle; and almost before our fears that we should ever see the fading of that light, or the leaning of that tower to its fall, the shadow suddenly dropped, revealing an individuality and a grace that can never pass away.

We had the pleasure to take by the hand the new Professor, Dr. Herrick; and bid him a hearty welcome and God-speed. We were pleased with indications of modesty and manliness,—of careful scholarship, and high christian culture.

The Treasurer, Rev. R. Woodhull, will tell his own story, and press the pecuniary claims of the School. He will ask for $60,000 in gold. He will tell you that it *must* come; that there is somewhere just that amount of money, that has need to take a theo-

ourse,—and that will never get home, nor find any rest for itself or its
ill it gets into his hands,—to wit, the Treasury of the Bangor Seminary.
Committee were courteously asked by the Trustees, their opinion as to how
sum of money could best be raised. We were unanimously of the opin-
it could best be done by *raising* it; and suggested that our good Treasurer
once.
d the following suggestions,—as counterparts, or alternatives of each

at the Seminary above want as to *funds*, and consequently as to *privileges*
modations for students. Then it will be easy to draw large classes, and to
cant Chairs of instruction.

Put first class men into the vacant Chairs; and draw young men, in
mbers into the School; and it will be easy to get the needed funds.
way, a completed endowment will help to obtain men for Professors
nts; or, good men and able in the vacant Chairs, such as have occupied
still occupy them,—that shall be towers of strength to the institution, with
s,—and the question of *endowment* is settled. The money will flow in as a
nd our honored Treasurer will have to lift up his voice, and cry, "Stay your
is enough!" Either way, brethren, or both ways. The men will bring the
r the money, the men!
od, you say, but a little visionary! Perhaps so; but let us see. We have
gs to do for Christ, and the church, and the nation, at this time. And our
is one of the instruments, or tools, we have to do it with. Bowdoin Col-
other; and we have need to support this latter in order to give strength and
to our Seminary,—among other reasons which we need not now name.
ne to say, here, that we ought to be able to fit our young men for College,
eminary, here in Maine. Otherwise, they will go abroad for their fitting
se them from our higher institutions, and the home service. Some of us
r hard it is to bring a young man back from Andover, or Exeter, or Meri-
ine, for his Collegiate and Theological course, against the current that sets
in other directions. If we would save our College, and our Seminary,
commonwealth, (to be the future commercial emporium of the country),
l and mental deterioration, let us hold our young men: let us keep them
by giving them the training and culture they require, and have a right to

e need, then, to begin at the foundations, and establish a thorough *Prepara-*
, or schools, in our own State;—else, our College and Seminary and the
f will suffer loss. Right or wrong, we are getting more and more upon a
tional basis, in matters of education. And to sustain ourselves as a body,
ake off our tight coats, and go to work vigorously, and work right, and *right*
end.

must not depend on our *College*, solely, as a helper to the Seminary. We
r from other Colleges, and from yet other sources. Some of the best men
istry came into the work through a short course. And has not the time
e to open the door of our Seminary still wider, to pious and promising
n,—who have, by nature and by grace, a fitting for christian service,—which
ny could not give;—and endowments, originally given of God, which the
not impart, but only aid? Was not our School established originally to
young men into the ministry? Its first name, "The Maine Charity
this. It should not fully outgrow its original design. Recent revi-
Young Men's Christian Associations have brought to the public
workers. Christ needs many of these as watchmen and

standard-bearers. We need the culture given at the College, and the quick common sense gotten in active life;—the graces of literature, and the grit that comes of contact with the world, in the work of the christian ministry. These, consecrated to Christ, and commingled, or shaken together, in the preparatory course, work to mutual advantage, and to great effect.

Other Seminaries are looking in this direction,—are moving to establish separate departments for this latter class of young men. They are right in theory, but wrong it may be, in making separations and distinctions that tend to disparage the young men in their course,—also in the view of the churches, at graduation. Every thing should be avoided in education that looks like *caste*, save such as nature, eminent gifts and true moral heroism, create.

We say, then: Strengthen our College in the way proposed, of fitting our own young men at home. Encourage young men, fitted for usefulness,—yet in other walks of life,—to make use of our Seminary, to fit themselves for the work of Christ in the ministry. For we feel that the time has come to ask great things of God;—to attempt great things for him; to expect great things of him; and to do great things for ourselves, for our country, and the world, in his name.

We only add,—that the *public exercises* were satisfactory. The style of the young men was generally clear and direct, rising, in some instances, to elegance and beauty. The oratory could have been better; but, as compared with the past,—and that of other Seminaries, was creditable.

W. WARREN,
In behalf of the Committee.

Trustees of the Bangor Theological Seminary.

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FACULTY.

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fice, South wing of Commons-House.

commences twelve weeks from the Anniversary,—which is held on the
y following the last Wednesday in July. Examination of classes, and Soci-
sses, on Tuesday and Wednesday previous.

Forty-Eighth Anniversary of the Seminary.

3, 1868.—Examination of the Junior and Senior classes. a. m. and p. m.
y, *July* 29.—Anniversary of the Rhetorical Society. Addresses by members
nior and Middle classes.
n, *July* 29.—Examination of the Middle class.
n.—Annual Sermon, before the Alumni, by Rev. Stephen R. Dennen, of
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xercises conducted by Rev. Rowland B. Howard (1860), and the Preacher.
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.—An address before the Societies of the Seminary, by Rev. Jacob M. Man-
oston, Mass. THEME:—Modern Infidelity; its sources, and the best means
g it.
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y, *July* 30.—Services connected with the graduating of the Senior class.
ceived diplomas. Address to the class by Rev. Professor D. S. Talcott.
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n.—Memorial service in reference to the death of Rev. Professor Shepard.
by Professor D. S. Talcott. Prayer by Rev. Wooster Parker, of Belfast.
urse is to be published in connection with a volume of Professor Shepard's

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aries to Eastern Turkey. (See page 99.)
H. KIMBALL, a member of the Senior class, died in Cambridgeport, Mar.
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nnial Catalogue of the Seminary is published this year, giving the names
lents; of these, 131 have died.

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Mechanic Falls, Norway, Richmond, Saccarappa, Saco, Skowhegan, Wa-
inthrop.
and to the churches, young people and others coming to reside where they
e commended for acquaintance and fellowship.

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ISRAEL T. DANA, M. D., Professor of the Theory and Practice of Medicine.
WILLIAM W. GREEN, M. D., Professor of Surgery.
JOHN SMITH SEWALL, M. A., Professor of Rhetoric and Oratory, and English Literature.
CYRUS FOGG BRACKETT, M. A., M. D., Professor of Chemistry and Pharmacy, Zoology and Geology.
STEPHEN JEWETT YOUNG, M. A., Professor of Modern Languages, and Librarian.
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CHARLES G. ROCKWOOD, Professor of Mathematics and Natural History.
JOHN A. C. FELLOWS, B. A., Instructor in Greek and Latin.
HENRY H. SEAVEY, M. D., Demonstrator in Anatomy.
JOHN ROGERS, Esq., Treasurer.
HON. SAMUEL P. BENSON, Financial Agent.
WILLIAM C. DOLE, Director of the Gymnasium.

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Number of Volumes in the several Libraries.....33,000
Medical Students.....102. College Students.....118. Total.....220

BACCALAUREATE SERMON, *Saturday afternoon, July* 5, 1868, by Rev. SAMUEL HARRIS, D. D., President of the College. Text—Hebrews 11: 27.

Monday evening.—Prize Declamation of the Junior Class.

Tuesday afternoon.— Eulogy on the late Professor William Smyth, by Prof. Alpheus S. Packard, which is published.

Wednesday forenoon.—Sixty-second annual commencement, twenty-five young gentlemen taking part in the exercises.

The Honorary degree of LL. D. conferred upon Rev. Rufus Anderson, of Boston, and Hon. John R. Shepley, of St. Louis; that of D. D., upon Rev. David Shepley, of Yarmouth, Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath, and Rev. Thomas T. Stone, of Brooklyn, Connecticut.

Thursday forenoon.—Address before the Alumni, by Rev. Charles Beecher, of Georgetown, Mass. Theme—Gov. Andrew.

A daily morning Prayer Meeting was held during the week.

The "Praying Circle" of the College was instituted July 22, 1815, and meets weekly, Sabbath morning and Wednesday noon. These meetings are open to all who desire to attend. The object of this Association is "the religious edification of its members, the promotion of vital godliness in the College, and prayer for the universal spread of the gospel."

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a M. Frink.....Central church, Portland.....April 9, 1868..Minutes, page 91

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.....Calais and Camden.
inson.....Sumner.
ry. Whitneyville, and vicinity.
.....Mercer, and vicinity.
.....Veazie, and vicinity.
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R. D. Osgood.....Princeton.
Edward N. Packard (resident).....Brunswick.
S. W. Pearson..Bremen, Bristol, Washington.
John E. Pierce.. .....Princeton.
William H. Rand..... .....Whiting.
Thomas H. Rich (resident). .....Bangor.
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Richard C. Stanley (resident).....Lewiston.
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rch, Portland, September 1, 1867, Minutes, 1868, page 92; Temple, November 15,
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CONSTITUTION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN MAINE.

Revised, 1868.

ART. 1. This Conference shall be called the General Conference of the Congregational Churches of Maine.

ART. 2. The General Conference shall consist of six delegates from each County Conference which has twenty or more churches,—three ministers and three laymen; and four delegates from each County Conference which has less than twenty churches,—two ministers and two laymen; and also of the officers, preachers, and committees for the time for which they are chosen, the delegates who the preceding year fulfilled their appointment, and the minister of the place where the Conference meets.

ART. 3. Ordained ministers who may be present at the meetings of this body, may be invited to sit as Honorary members, to take part in the deliberations, but not to vote.

ART. 4. The presiding officer shall be a Moderator, chosen by ballot, to continue in office three years.

ART. 5. There shall be a Corresponding Secretary chosen by ballot, who shall hold his office for three years, whose duty it shall be to conduct the correspondence of the Conference, and also to collect information, and at each meeting exhibit a report of the state of religion within the limits of this Conference.

ART. 6. A Recording Secretary shall have charge of the records of the Conference, who shall be elected by ballot, and hold his office for three years.

ART. 7. The object of the General Conference shall be to promote intercourse and harmony among the churches of the State, and to produce a more extensive co-operation in every good work.

ART. 8. The several County Conferences shall retain their individual rights and privileges; and no ecclesiastical power or authority shall ever be assumed by the General Conference, or be delegated to it.

ART. 9. The Conference shall meet on the Tuesday preceding the fourth Wednesday of June, annually, at 9 o'clock, a. m., at the place at which the Maine Missionary Society shall hold their annual meeting.

ART. 10. The Annual Meeting of this Conference shall be opened with singing, reading the Scriptures, and prayer; and each subsequent session, whether for business or devotion, shall be opened with reading the Scriptures and prayer.

ART. 11. At each meeting of the Conference, a Committee of Arrangements, consisting of three, shall be appointed for the succeeding meeting, and the subjects to be brought before the Conference shall ordinarily be introduced through their hands, and with their approbation.

ART. 12. This Conference may interchange friendly correspondence with other religious bodies in the habit of such intercourse, and delegates from other bodies to this Conference shall be admitted as Honorary members, to participate in the deliberations.

ART. 13. Any County Conference may withdraw from this connection, by assigning to the Recording Secretary their reasons in writing.

ART. 14. The funds of the Conference to be raised by a contribution at each annual meeting, after deducting the incidental expenses, shall be paid into the Treasury of the Maine Missionary Society.

ART. 15. The Lord's Supper shall be administered at the close of the public religious services, or at such other time as Conference may appoint.

ART. 16. The Conference shall establish its own by-laws and regulations, subject to alterations at their future meetings.

ART. 17. The Constitution of this Conference may be altered at an annual meeting of this body, by two-thirds of the members present.

Rules of the General Conference of the Congregational Churches in Maine.

Revised June, 1865.

1: At the appointed time for the assembling of the Conference, the Moderator shall take the chair and open the meeting, as provided in the Constitution;—or in his absence the Recording Secretary shall call the members to order, and to the choice of a Moderator, who shall then conduct the devotional exercises.

2. The certificates of delegates shall then be laid upon the table, and the names of members enrolled.

3. The Constitution and Rules of the Conference shall then be read.

4. Next shall follow the election of officers as provided by the Constitution, and the appointment of committees.

5. At each meeting of the Conference, a first and second preacher shall be appointed for the next meeting.

6. The roll shall be called at the close of the first session, and at least once each day, subsequently, during the sitting of the Conference.

7. Every motion, on being seconded shall, if requested, be reduced to writing.

8. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, division of the question, termination of debate, or yeas and nays:—and these motions, except that for amendment, shall not be debated.

9. There shall be a Standing Committee of Nominations, consisting of six persons, so constituted that one-third of its members shall go out of office each year, and the precedence in vacating seats in this Board shall be in the order in which said committee is elected by this Conference. The committee shall elect a chairman, who shall keep a record of all appointments made by the Conference, in accordance with the annual report of the committee of nominations, and this committee shall have power to fill such vacancies as occur during the recess of the Conference.

10. The returns of the churches shall be made up to and include the first Sabbath in May, of each year,—and the publishing committee shall prepare blank schedules, and furnish them to the several Conferences for that purpose.

11. A committee of one from each County Conference shall be chosen annually to visit the Theological Seminary, Bangor. Such persons as have been selected by the several Conferences to represent them in said committee, shall first be reported. Vacancies to be filled by the nominating committee.

12. The Recording Secretary shall notify members appointed to services by the Conference of such appointment, by letter, at the expense of Conference.

13. The printed Minutes of the Conference shall be the credentials of delegates to corresponding bodies. In case any delegate is unable, either by himself or his substitute, to attend in person, it shall be regarded as his duty to forward a written communication to the corresponding body for which he was appointed.

14. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to incorporate with the Minutes of Conference, a brief account of the meetings of the religious Societies, which hold their anniversaries in connection with the Conference.

15. A Publishing Committee, consisting of three, shall be annually appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes,—they shall issue the Minutes as soon as possible, and forward to each minister a copy by mail.

16. The Publishing Committee shall make known to the several County Conferences, the sum that may be needed to defray the expenses of publishing the Minutes of the Conference, or whatever balance may be due, after appropriating the annual collection at General Conference.

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ELIAS BOND, church Hallowell, Bangor Seminary, 1840.....Kohala (Hawaii), Sandwich Islands.
GEORGE P. CLAFLIN, First church, Bangor, Bangor Seminary, 1850.....Lawana, West Africa.
ROYAL W. COLE, Hammond-st. ch., Bangor, Bangor Seminary, 1868..Erzeroom, Eastern Turkey.
DANIEL DOLE, church Bloomfield, Bangor Seminary, 1839.....Koloa (Kauai), Sandwich Islands.
JOSEPH K. GREENE, church Lewiston, Union Seminary, N. Y., 1858.....Brooss, Western Turkey.
JOSEPH P. GREEN, Central ch., Bangor, Bangor Sem., 1863....Honolulu (Oahu), Sandwich Islands.
CYRUS HAMLIN, D. D., Second church, Portland, Bangor Seminary, 1837,
President Robert College, Constantinople, Turkey.
JOHN D. PARIS, Hammond-st. ch., Bangor, Bangor Sem., 1839...So. Kona (Hawaii), Sand. Islands.
JOHN E. PIERCE, Central church, Bangor, Bangor Seminary, 1868.....Erzeroom, Eastern Turkey.
GEORGE A. POLLARD, church Hallowell, Bangor Seminary, 1854.....Erzeroom, Eastern Turkey.
BENJAMIN G. SNOW, First ch., Brewer, Bangor Sem., 1849....Ebon (Marshall's Island), Micronesia.
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OF THE

THIRD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN MAINE:

WITH THE

SERMON

BEFORE

MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

BY REV. ALFRED E. IVES, OF CASTINE,

AND THE

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES,

AT ITS SIXTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY,

HELD WITH THE

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WITH THEIR POST-OFFICE ADDRESS, 1860.

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The FORTY-FOURTH annual meeting of the GENERAL CONFERENCE of the CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES in Maine, will be held with the *Central Congregational Church in Portland*, commencing on Tuesday, June 21, 1870, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

The FORTY-FIRST annual meeting of the MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY, on Tuesday evening.

SIXTY-THIRD anniversary of the MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY, on Wednesday, June 22, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

FIFTY-SECOND anniversary of the Maine Branch of the AMERICAN EDUCATION SOCIETY, Wednesday afternoon.

☞ By vote of the GENERAL CONFERENCE, honorary titles are omitted in the Minutes.

MINUTES OF 1869.

The FORTY-THIRD Annual Meeting of the GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN MAINE, was held with the Hammond-street Congregational Church in Bangor, commencing on Tuesday, June 22, 1869, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

The *Moderator*, Rev. ALFRED E. IVES, of Castine, called to order.

United in singing Hymn 1025, from the Sabbath Hymn and Tune Book:

"Great is the Lord our God,
And let his praise be great;
He makes the Churches his abode,
His most delightful seat."

The Moderator read Psalm 89, and led in prayer.

The Delegates presented their credentials, and were enrolled.

COUNTY CONFERENCES REPRESENTED.

AROOSTOOK.

Rev. William T. Sleeper, of Patten.
Rev. Edward R. Osgood, of Houlton.
Bro. Hiram Stevens, of Carroll.
Bro. Jonathan G. Leavitt, of Island Falls.

CUMBERLAND.

Rev. Luther Wiswall, of Windham.
Rev. Benjamin T. Sanborn, of Freeport.
Rev. George A. Tewksbury, of Portland.
Bro. Nelson Dingley, of Lewiston.
Dea. Samuel W. Larrabee, of Portland.
Bro. Samuel P. Benson, of Brunswick.

FRANKLIN.

Rev. Jonas Burnham, of Farmington.
Rev. J. Loring Pratt, of Strong.
Bro. Robert Goodenow, of Farmington.
Bro. Joshua Adams, of Wilton.

HANCOCK.

Rev. Sewall Tenney, of Ellsworth.
Rev. Henry S. Loring, of Amherst.
Dea. John Buck, of Orland.
Dea. David Wasson, of West Brooksville.

KENNEBEC.

Rev. Joel F. Bingham, of Augusta.
Rev. Josiah T. Hawes, of Litchfield.
Bro. David Garland, of Winslow.
Bro. John B. Bradbury, of Waterville.

LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC.

Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath.
Rev. Flavius V. Norcross, of Union.
Rev. Charles Packard, of Waldoboro'.
Bro. Isaac P. Starrett, of Warren.
Dea. W. S. D. Healey, of Thomaston.
Bro. Joseph J. Taylor, of Damariscotta.

OXFORD.

Rev. John B. Wheelwright, of So. Paris. Bro. Frederic E. Shaw, of Paris.
Rev. Thomas T. Merry, of Norway. Bro. David F. Brown, of Bethel.

PENOBSCOT.

Rev. William M. Barbour, of Bangor. Dea. John L. Parker, of Dedham.
Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, of Hampden. Bro. Charles H. Stanley, of Kenduskeag.

PISCATAQUIS.

Rev. Peter B. Thayer, of Garland. Bro. Samuel A. Smith, of Brownville.
Rev. Woodbury S. Kimball, of Dexter. Bro. Ralph Hemmenway, of Garland.

SOMERSET.

Rev. Thomas G. Mitchell, of Madison. Bro. James M. Bell. of Skowhegan.
Rev. Frederic E. Sturgess, of Skowhegan. Bro. Edward J. Peet, of Norridgewock.

UNION.

Rev. David B. Sewall, of Fryeburg. Bro. Rolliston Woodbury, of Sweden.
Rev. John W. H. Baker, of North Waterford.

WALDO.

Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Searsport. Bro. William O. Poor, of Belfast.
Rev. Joseph Kyte, of Sandy Point. Bro. Joseph B. French, of Sandy Point.

WASHINGTON.

Rev. Charles Whittier, of Dennysville. Bro. Aaron Hobart, of Dennysville.
Rev. Philander Thurston, of East Machias. Bro. Mason H. Wilder, of Machias.

YORK.

Rev. Silvanus Hayward, of So. Berwick. Bro. John Bragdon, of Wells.
Rev. Samuel Bowker, of Wells. Bro. William H. Hobbs, of Wells.
Rev. Charles H. Gates, of Buxton.

MEMBERS EX-OFFICIIS.

OFFICERS.—Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine; Rev. David Garland, of Bethel; Rev. John D. Emerson, of Biddeford; Deacons William S. Dennett, Elnathan F. Duren, and Joseph S. Wheelwright, of Bangor.

MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES.—Rev. Messrs. George E. Adams, of Brunswick; Jonathan E. Adams, of Searsport; John W. H. Baker, of North Waterford; Smith Baker, of Orono; Uriah Balkam, of Lewiston; William M. Barbour, of Bangor; Joel F. Bingham, of Augusta; Samuel Bowker, of Wells; Stephen L. Bowler, of Hampden; John J. Carruthers, of Portland; Albert Cole, of Cornish; Edward F. Cutter, of Rockland; John D. Emerson, of Biddeford; Solomon P. Fay, and George W. Field, of Bangor; John O. Fiske, of Bath; David Garland, of Bethel; Henry F. Harding, of Machias; Samuel Harris, of Brunswick; Silvanus Hayward, of South Berwick; John R. Herrick, of Bangor; Rowland B. Howard, of Farmington; Alfred E. Ives, of Castine; Woodbury S. Kimball, of Dexter; Joseph Kyte, of Stockton; Wellington Newell, of Brewer Village; Wooster Parker, of Belfast; Enoch Pond, of Bangor; Benjamin A. Robie, of Waterville; David B. Sewall, of Fryeburg; William T. Sleeper, of Sherman Mills; Benjamin Tappan, of Augusta; Charles Tenney,

of Biddeford; George A. Tewksbury, of Portland; Stephen Thurston, of Searsport; Horace Toothaker, of New Sharon; William Warren, of Gorham; John B. Wheelwright, of South Paris; Charles Whittier, of Dennysville; Luther Wiswall, of Windham; Richard Woodhull, of Bangor; Dea. Samuel Adams, of Castine; Bro. Seth P. Benson, of Brunswick; Bro. Nelson Dingley, jr., of Lewiston; Deas. E. F. Duren, S. D. Thurston, and J. S. Wheelwright, of Bangor.

MINISTER OF THE PLACE.—Rev. Solomon P. Fay, pastor of Hammond-street church.

PREACHER.—Rev. Joel F. Bingham, of Augusta.

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES WHO FULFILLED THEIR APPOINTMENT.

Rev. Edward F. Cutter, of Rockland, to Massachusetts; Rev. John R. Herrick, of Bangor, to East Maine Methodist Conference. And by Letter,—Rev. Messrs, John C. Adams, of Falmouth, to the Maine Methodist Conference; Jonathan E. Adams, of Searsport, to New Hampshire; Thomas Adams, of Riverside, to Ohio; Stephen L. Bowler, of Hampden, to Missouri; John J. Bulfinch, of New Castle, to Iowa; David Garland of Bethel, to Illinois; Horatio Ilsley, of South Freeport, to Wisconsin; Wooster Parker, of Belfast, to Connecticut; David B. Sewall, of Fryeburg, to the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec; Francis Southworth, of Portland, to Kansas.

DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Rev. ALFRED STEVENS, of Westminster, General Convention of Vermont.

Rev. STEPHEN R. DENNEN, of Woburn, General Association of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts.

Rev. OREN C. THOMPSON, of Detroit, General Association of Michigan.

Rev. LUCIUS H. PARKER, of Galesburg, General Association of Illinois.

Rev. BENJAMIN F. PERKINS, of Kingston, General Association of Congregational Churches in Missouri.

Rev. ARCHIBALD DUFF, of Sherbrooke, Quebec, Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec.

Rev. CHARLES S. DUNNING, of the Presbytery of Montrose, Honesdale, Pennsylvania, General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

Rev. FRANCIS T. HAZLEWOOD, of Bangor, Maine Baptist Missionary Convention.

Rev. CHARLES F. ALLEN, of Bangor, Maine and East Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

There were also present, from abroad, though not as delegates,—

Rev. Messrs. I. CLARK, of Eastford, Conn.; CHARLES DAME, of Exeter, N. H.; CHARLES DUREN, of North Pomfret, Vt.; ELWIN J. HART, of Cottage Grove, Minn.; JOHN HASKELL, of Jewett City, Conn.; WILLIAM L. HYDE, of Ripley, New York; TRUMAN A. MERRILL, of Bernardstown, Mass.; G. H. MOORE, of Lawrence, Mass.; RICHARD B. THURSTON, of Stamford, Conn.; and Mr. J. E. WALKER, of Forest Grove, Oregon.

REPRESENTATIVES OF BENEVOLENT ORGANIZATIONS.

Rev. WILLIAM WARREN, of Gorham, Dis. Sec. Am. Board Com. for Foreign Missions.
Rev. HENRY BLODGETT, of Peking, China, Missionary Am. Board C. F. M.
Rev. SAMUEL H. MERRILL, of Portland, American Bible Society.
Rev. L. B. ROCKWOOD, of Boston, American Tract Society, New York.
Rev. EDWARD P. STONE, of Boston, American Missionary Association.
Rev. JOHN WOOD, of Wolfboro', N. H., } Am. and Foreign Christian Union.
Rev. JOSEPH EMERSON, of Andover, Mass., }
Rev. FRANCIS SOUTHWORTH, of Portland, Maine Seamen's Friend Society.
Rev. CHRISTOPHER CUSHING, of Boston, American Congregational Union.
Rev. ASA BULLARD, of Boston, Sec. Congregational Sab. School and Publishing So.
Rev. HENRY B. HOOKER, of Boston, Sec. of Mass. Home Missionary Society.

Revs. SMITH BAKER, of Orono, and ARTHUR DEERING, of Richmond, Independent Order of Good Templars of Maine.

The Constitution and Rules of Conference were read.

On motion of Rev. Luther Wiswall, of Windham,

VOTED, That ordained Ministers present be invited to sit with us as Honorary Members, and take part in our deliberations.

THE LAITY.

Rev. Josiah T. Hawes, of Litchfield, suggested the inquiry, why the laymen should not also be included in a similar vote.

A discussion of the subject followed, in which Rev. Messrs. Hawes of Litchfield, Warren of Gorham, Herrick and Fay of Bangor, Baker of Orono, Cole of Cornish, Hayward of South Berwick, and Garland of Bethel, took part.

The opinion prevailed that it was desirable that the laity should take a more prominent part in the exercises, though the opportunity has never been denied them, and they have exercised their gift with great profit to the Conference.

On motion of Professor Herrick, an amendment of the third article of the Constitution was proposed, and the subject was referred to a committee consisting of—

Rev. JOHN R. HERRICK, of Bangor,
Rev. JOHN W. H. BAKER, of North Waterford,
Rev. ALBERT COLE, of Cornish.

A resolution, introduced by Rev. William Warren, of Gorham, "that the Constitution be so amended that all members of Christian churches present, of our order, be invited to take part in our deliberations,"—was also referred to the same committee.

They subsequently reported the following—

AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE THIRD IN THE CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 3. Both ministers and others present may, at the discretion of the Mod-

invited to participate in the deliberations of this Body, though only mem- l have the right to vote.

eport was accepted, and the amendment adopted.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

. W. H. Baker, of Union Conference, and Rev. E. L. Foster, of Wash- Conference, were appointed to take the place of two members of inating Committee whose term of office expires this year.

DIVORCES.

uther Wiswall, of Windham, from the Committee on Divorces, to e subject was referred last year, made a report in part.

Dingley, jr., of Lewiston, delegate from the Cumberland Confer- s added to the Committee, in consequence of the absence from the ie Chairman, Prof. Talcott, of Bangor.

emarks by Prof. Herrick, of Bangor, the subject was re-committed me Committee.

ohn O. Fiske, of Bath, subsequently, in behalf of the Committee, l the following resolutions:

t the great and increasing facility and frequency of divorce from the mar- ion in our State, furnish the most serious occasion for grief and alarm. ations of social purity must be disturbed, and all the interests of morality n be involved in common disaster, if this crying evil be not arrested and

the vital importance of amending our laws on this subject, be respectfully l to the attention of our State Legislature.

great care ought to be taken by our ministers, not to solemnize marriage ersons, either or both of whom have been divorced in contravention of ires.

s were made on the subject by Dr. Fiske, of Bath; Rev. H. F. of Machias; Prof. Herrick and Dr. Pond, of Bangor; and N. jr., of Lewiston.

olutions were unanimously adopted.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

hn D. Emerson, of Biddeford, was appointed Assistant Recording for this session.

PORTS OF DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

rd F. Cutter, of Rockland, reported his attendance upon the meeting Association of Congregational Churches of Massachusetts, in Woburn,

Rev. John R. Herrick, of Bangor, the East Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in Bangor.

Rev. Joseph F. Cogswell, by letter, his attendance upon the General Congregational Conference of Minnesota, in Austin, Oct., 1868.

They were cordially welcomed.

The following Delegates reported that they sent a communication to the bodies named:

Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Searsport, to the General Association of New Hampshire.

Rev. Wooster Parker, of Belfast, to the General Association of Connecticut.

Rev. Thomas Adams, of Riverside, to the Ohio General Conference.

Rev. David Garland, of Bethel, to the General Association of Illinois.

Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, of Hampden, to the General Association of Congregational Churches in Missouri.

Rev. John J. Bulfinch, of New Castle, to the General Association of Iowa.

Rev. Horatio Ilsley, of South Freeport, to the Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin.

Rev. Francis Southworth, of Portland, to the General Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers in Kansas.

Rev. David B. Sewall, of Fryeburg, to the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec.

Rev. John C. Adams, of Falmouth, to the Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Rev. John S. Sewall, of Brunswick, wrote that he had sent a letter to the Rhode Island Congregational Conference.

Rev. Samuel H. Merrill, of Portland, appointed delegate to the General Convention of Vermont; Rev. Richard Woodhull, of Bangor, to the General Association of New York; Rev. James Wells, of Dedham, to the General Association of California; Rev. Samuel Harris, of Brunswick, to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church; Rev. William T. Sleeper, of Sherman Mills, to the Maine Baptist Missionary Convention; Rev. Wellington R. Cross, of New Gloucester, to the Freewill Baptist Yearly Meeting,—each reported, for various reasons, that they had not fulfilled their appointment.

Rev. Walter E. Darling, of Kennebunk, writes, July 8, that he failed to fulfill his appointment to the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick; Rev. Alpha Morton, of West Auburn, writes, July 10, to the same purport, in reference to his appointment as delegate to the Congregational General Association of Oregon.

Rev. Franklin E. Fellows writes, July 12, that he sent a communication to the General Association of Ministers and Churches in Indiana.

Rev. Thomas N. Lord, of Limerick, writes, July 13, that he notified his substitute that he could not go to the meeting of the General Association of Michigan; but did not receive an answer from him in season to forward a communication.

in singing the Hymn,—

"Glorious things of thee are spoken."

by Rev. Thomas Adams, of the Kennebec Conference.

ort by Rev. S. P. Fay, Chairman of the Committee of Arrange-
reference to the remaining services of the day, was presented,
pted.

itation was extended by the Bangor Mercantile Association, to
nding the Conference, to visit their Reading Room and Library,
e session.

l of Delegates was called.—Recess of five minutes.

CONFERENCE SERMON.

ck. United in singing,—

"All hail the power of Jesus' name."

fred Stevens, delegate from Vermont, read the eighty-fourth Psalm,
prayer.

"Nearer to thee."

, by Rev. Joel F. Bingham, of Augusta.

Luke 10: 18. "And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall
en."

Christ's victory over Satan, in the person of his ministers.

In singing,—

"Am I a soldier of the cross."

tion, by Rev. A. Stevens. Adjourned.

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on—2½ o'clock.

derator read the 123d Psalm.

ther Wiswall, of Cumberland Conference, led in prayer.

"I love thy church, O God."

THE SABBATH.

t theme introduced for discussion was,—

hall be said of the proposition to dispense with all but one sermon on
h?"

s were made by Rev. Messrs. Enoch Pond, of Bangor; U. Balkam,
n; John O. Fiske, of Bath; Edward F. Cutter, of Rockland; Henry
, of Massachusetts; Charles H. Gates, of Buxton; Thomas Adams,
[redacted]; George E. Adams, of Brunswick; and Stephen Thurston, of

Only one of the speakers decidedly favored the one-sermon system.

Sung,—

"Go, preach my Gospel, saith the Lord."

Rev. Henry B. Hooker, Secretary of the Massachusetts Missionary Society, led in prayer.

Second topic,—

"What shall be said of the tendency to base the obligation of the Sabbath on expediency, instead of basing it on the requirement of the Decalogue; and what shall be done to maintain the sanctity of the day?"

Remarks by Rev. Messrs. John J. Carruthers, of Portland; Enoch Pond, of Bangor; Oren C. Thompson, of Michigan; and Stephen R. Dennen, of Massachusetts.

Rev. Archibald Duff, of Canada, who was expecting to speak on the subject, not having arrived,

On motion of Prof. Herrick, the subject was suspended, to be resumed in the evening, if there was time.

Report by the Committee of Arrangements. Accepted.

Sung,—

"Welcome, sweet day of rest."

Benediction by the Moderator. Adjourned.

Evening—7½ o'clock.

Organ voluntary. United in singing,—

"Worthy the Lamb that died, they cry."

The Moderator read a portion of the fifth chapter of 2d Corinthians.

Prayer, by Rev. Josiah T. Hawes, of the Kennebec Conference.

In Memoriam.

The following record was read by Rev. William Warren, of Gorham:

Somewhere in the course of this service, we ought to take note of the decease of our brethren in the ministry, who have left us during the year. This is perhaps the time and place for such a pause. It is the evening for the anniversary of a Society that takes thought and care for the widows and orphans of deceased ministers.

Our dear brethren who have died the past year, whether with us or elsewhere, used to come up here to our feast of tabernacles, and added their full part to our pleasure and profiting. And, as we shall not meet them here again, we will write their names upon our tent-walls, as copied from the heart's memory.

JOHN A. PERRY.—We fail to see here to-day his erect form and benignant face. His bare *presence* here, with head silvered prematurely, his eye bright with thought

and affection, was of itself an inspiration. Modest always, courteous beyond most of us, capable in the work his modesty would allow him to undertake; manly, even dignified, yet gentle as a child; earnest, zealous, self-forgetting in the Master's service, he was content to take a frontier post in the service, and toiled on there, till death. He was prompt at the roll-call, his armor always in repair and bright, he marched with a ready step, encountered obstacles, welcomed hardships. He fell suddenly, with an honorable record, to be taken up to the reward of the faithful.

BENJAMIN C. CHASE, too, we look for in vain. Few, with his fine tastes, tempting to other and quieter pursuits, would have held themselves so firmly to the work of the ministry, as did Brother Chase. Yet true to his convictions and consecration, he toiled on in feeble health, under discouragements often, but with growing interest and usefulness to the end. I would say of him, as of Perry (who helped bear him to the grave just before he himself fell), that he was self-contained and self-poised; had dignity of character, but was modest and gentle; apt to shrink from observation and public position, yet capable where duty called him. In the midst of life thus used, he came to his early crown. The usefulness of Brother Chase was *increased*, I think, rather than lessened, as too often happens, by his musical gifts. But all such tastes and gifts are wanted in the church of Christ. And I have no doubt that the use he made of these, in leading the worship, and training the voices of the young, is one that has told in the kingdom, and will be felt in heaven.

ELIJAH JONES is not here; he has left us for his reward. He held the oldest pastorate in the State at his death,—wanting but a few years of half a century. The unique but noble form of Jones is missed. He stood long as a pillar in our Zion. It was one of granite-mold and grit. One more independent in thought and purpose than he, but as tolerant of the thoughts and wills of others, we have seldom known. Such independence of character, such originality and grasp of mind, even without the graces of literature and oratory, that saw straight on through things, and could handle them with such skill, we all were forced to admire. He loved the Bible and its doctrines; was farthest removed conceivable from cant; was true as steel to the cause of the Master, never wavered in an exigency, was a champion for the truth and for Christ. Without pretensions to learning, he was a learned man. I have said more than once, that Bro. Jones would suffer less if all knowledge should be lost, and men had to begin new again, than almost any other man. Few equaled him in the original languages of the Bible, and few had drawn so deeply and largely from those fountains. He was of the first class at Bangor, and was long a faithful Trustee of the Seminary.

CHARLES SOULE.—I am forced to speak affectionately of him. He was my teacher, afterward my parishioner. He was a complete man in outward form, dignity, and grace of manner, and in mental and moral culture. His tastes were fine, his style clear and sententious, his discriminations nice, and his logic, when he assumed to argue, was severe. His inquisitive mind gave him a fondness for scientific, as well as literary knowledge. In these, he made commendable attainments. He had the modesty that connects itself with genius and rare excellence. It will be asked, why one with such gifts was so little known? There was a tendency in Brother Soule to shrink from responsibility and observation. He did not like to come in conflict with others. He cared to measure his strength by that of opponents. His capability went for [illegible] and his consciousness of it. He had not the toughness of nerve to encounter [illegible]ion. He retired before a foe. If what we call brass had equaled in his [illegible]e brain-power, he would have stood with the first. He was some-

what wanting in the element or faculty of will. He had, however, uncommon serenity of mind, real wealth of thought, and beauty of character. I feel that his record is not written on earth. And it is with a loving heart that I raise this poor memorial at his death.

ELI P. LITTLEFIELD preached in Biddeford one year, but frail health constrained him to leave the ministry. He was a conscientious and earnest Christian brother, and a model clerical parishioner. Died January last, at Wells, his native place.

But there are others who were once with us in the work of the ministry, who had left us for other fields, and have finished their work, the past year. We will speak of them briefly, and mostly as we knew them while here.

G. W. CAMPBELL was settled at South Berwick, more recently in several other places in Maine. Died at the age of seventy-nine. I had no acquaintance with this brother.

WHEELOCK CRAIG was born in Augusta; graduated at Bowdoin and Bangor; preached a while in Maine, and was afterwards settled in New Bedford, Mass. He had solidity and strength. His acquisitions of knowledge were unusually large. His firmness in defence of the truth very marked. Few have reached to higher positions as a man and a minister.

JOSEPH VAIL was settled in Portland as successor of Dr. Tyler,—was recalled to Brimfield, Mass. He carried his ministry in various places up with honor and singular devotion to more than half a century. His eulogist, President Stearns, pronounced him "great in duties well done."

WILLIAM J. BREED left his ministry at Bucksport, about thirty years ago, and went up from his work on earth in April last. He had great energy of character and will. His resources for usefulness were large. He was led to accomplish in the third of a century of his ministry what very few have accomplished in a long life.

JOHN ORR died last January, at Melrose, Mass. He was pastor at Alfred for more than twenty years. He had far more than ordinary strength of mind and character. I have rarely known one into whose convictions, intelligence and firmness entered so largely. He abhorred all pretense, cant, and shams. He saw things with his own eyes. He took his position as touching principles and policies, not because other persons took them, but because he believed them to be right. He had courage to maintain his ground. Bribes would not move him, nor threats! He was of the Puritan stamp,—would have gone to the stake if necessary. He was true to the cause, and died in humble trust.

S. L. POMEROY devoted twenty-three years of his life to the ministry in Maine. Few were as well-known here, and as much missed. He had various gifts and attainments, and great power of influence and usefulness. He was widely connected with our institutions in Maine, and perhaps no man, while he was here, had more to do with their management, or a more useful influence. He was upon almost all the boards of trust in our institutions of learning and religion. He was an earnest advocate of all measures to promote the public good. It seems fitting that this brief record of him should be made,—where his life in the ministry was spent. Those who were contemporary with him here can bear witness, that, for those twenty-three years spent in this city, he was identified with all your great interests,—whether of improvement, morality, or religion. He certainly used a power second to that of

no other person while with you. He left this field in 1849, to connect himself with the A. B. C. F. M. Died at Sunderland, Mass., March 17, aged 70.

It was expected that I speak briefly of ministers' wives and widows, who have left us the last year. Mrs. OLIPHANT, Mrs. LEACH, Mrs. GOULD, Mrs. VAIL, Mrs. TEWKSBURY, and Mrs. SHEPARD. But time, perhaps precedents, forbids this. Those sisters, daughters that had helped us, true successors of them who at the cross and the sepulchre,—succorers of the saints, angels of love and care,—no; they are not dead. "He that believeth on me shall never die." And this is the notice we take of them as they pass up from the service here, to their fullness of life and blessedness. Then let us press on in the same pathway upward, made radiant by their footsteps. I will only say, then, as I said two years ago, star after star has set in this beautiful horizon, to make heaven all the dearer to some of you. They have but passed from their service and sorrows here, to the fullness of life.

Conference adjourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning, to give place for the anniversary of the Charitable Society.

MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

Incorporated January 23, 1821.

FORTIETH ANNUAL MEETING.

Deacon SAMUEL ADAMS, of Castine, *President*, in the chair.

Rev. EDWARD F. CUTTER, of Rockland, *Secretary*.

United in singing,—

"Let me but hear my Saviour say."

The *Treasurer*, Rev. CHARLES PACKARD, of Waldoboro', presented his Report:

Receipts from the Churches.....	$229	From other sources.....	$212
Interest on Permanent Fund.....	209	Total.....	$650

Disbursed to the widows and children of deceased ministers (eleven families), $253.90

The Committee chosen last year on the subject of enlarging the scope and increasing the funds of the Maine Congregational Charitable Society, reported through their chairman, Rev. U. Balkam, of Lewiston. A brief abstract of the report, by vote of Conference, is given.

"This Society, though having been in existence forty years, has had but a lingering existence. Its objects have been too narrow, and its resources dependent upon the meager and occasional contributions of the churches. It should include in its

operations the class of infirm and aged ministers. This was ably and conclusively argued from many weighty reasons.—The great and invaluable services rendered by the Christian ministry to society; they have given their lives to the church, and the church is bound by the most solemn obligation to provide for them and their families an adequate support; their work is a laborious and self-denying one from the very nature of the office; their small salaries precludes them from making any provision for the future. If such a support were secured to them beyond a contingency, their minds would be relieved of a heavy burden, and their efficiency as ministers thereby greatly increased. And the want of such a provision deters many from entering the ministry, or compels them to abandon it for more lucrative occupations; and many able ministers are thus lost to the church and to the State.

"The Committee, therefore, recommend that the name of the Society be changed, and called the 'MINISTERIAL RELIEF SOCIETY,' for the aid of infirm and aged Congregational ministers, as well as of the families of deceased ministers,—that every pastor or officiating minister be requested to bring this matter before his congregation, by reading the fuller report published in the Mirror, or preaching on the subject, and commending it particularly to the attention of those who desire to bequeath property to the cause of Christ,—and that the Secretary be requested to bring the objects and wants of this Society prominently before each of the County Conferences; and that it be urged upon pastors to take up an annual contribution in its behalf."

While the annual collection was being taken, remarks were made by Rev. E. F. Cutter, of Rockland, and Rev. H. F. Harding, of Machias.

Contribution, $110.80.

The report was accepted, and referred to the same Committee for final action, next year.

OFFICERS OF THE MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

[ELECTED FOR THE YEAR.]

Dea. SAMUEL ADAMS.....*President*.....Castine.
Rev. SEWALL TENNEY.....*Vice-President*.....Ellsworth.
Rev. EDWARD F. CUTTER.....*Secretary*.....Rockland.
Rev. CHARLES PACKARD..... .....*Treasurer*.....Waldoborough.
Dea. GEORGE ALLEN.....*Auditor*.....Waldoborough.

Trustees.

The President, Secretary, and Treasurer, *ex-officiis;* Rev. Messrs. E. POND, D. SHEPLEY, S. TENNEY, R. WOODHULL, S. THURSTON, and Bro. EBEN STEELE, of Portland.

Second Day—Wednesday, June 23.

Morning—half past 5 o'clock.

Prayer meeting, conducted by Rev. Stephen R. Dennen, of Woburn, Massachusetts.

o'clock.

oderator read the twentieth Psalm.

"Lord, in the morning thou shalt hear."

, Rev. Samuel Bowker, of York Conference.

tes to Corresponding Bodies, who had not before reported, re-as their names were called.

TREASURER AND AUDITOR'S REPORT.

oseph S. Wheelwright, of Bangor, Treasurer, presented his report,—th the report of the Auditor, Dea. William S. Dennett, of Bangor, pted, and placed on file.

EXPENDITURES.

urston & Co., Portland, balance due for printing Minutes l Records for 1867	$269.37	
urston & Co., toward paper, composition, printing, and ding Minutes for 1868	202.98	
h & Hill, Bangor, for bill of printing	5.00	
lishing Com. for paper, blanks, circulars, postage, freight, &c.	71.94	
nce due the Treasurer, 1868	40.12	
nded amount overpaid by Waldo Conference	6.66	
ace on hand, to new account	59.60	
		$655.67

RECEIPTS.

t Annual meeting in Thomaston	$ 35.06	
om County Conferences, toward balance, 1867	311.75	
om County Conferences, toward 1868	302.15	
om Minutes, sold out of the Conferences	6.31	
		$655.67

THE MINUTES.

ion of the Recording Secretary,

That a committee be appointed to consider and report, before the adjourn- the distribution and payment of the Minutes. Also, in reference to the the Publishing Committee last year, in reference to the same.

owing resolution, introduced by Rev. U. Balkam, of Lewiston, eferred to the same Committee:

D, That each pastor and minister be requested to bring the subject of before his church, and secure the taking of such a number of copies as med desirable, and can be paid for by the churches.

mittee appointed were,—

[redacted]ELWRIGHT, of Oxford Conference; Rev. S. L. BOWLER, of Penob-

scot; NELSON DINGLEY, jr., of Cumberland; Rev. D. B. SEWALL, of Union; Rev. J. E. ADAMS, of Waldo; and Rev. S. BOWKER, of York.

Rev. J. B. Wheelwright, chairman of the Committee, made the following report, on Thursday, which was accepted, and unanimously adopted:

1. We recommend that the present practice of sending one copy of the "Minutes" to each pastor, and one copy to each church of our denomination in the State, be continued.

2. That as many copies be sent to the churches as they desire to take.

3. That the number of copies desired by each church be signified annually on the blank returns for the statistics of the churches, and that the money to pay for them be sent with the order.

4. That effort be made by each pastor, and by the officers of each church, to secure a more general distribution of the Minutes of the Conference, that the members of our churches may know better what the Congregationalists of our State are doing.

5. That our churches give, to promote the distribution of the Minutes, a sum equal to two cents for each member.

[As no blank returns will be sent out until next year, the Publishing Committee would request that the churches make a special return, at once, to the Chairman of the Publishing Committee, E. F. DUREN, Bangor, indicating the number of copies wanted, at thirty cents each, which will include the postage on the same; and sending also the amount recommended in the fifth paragraph.]

On motion of Rev. D. Garland,

RESOLVED, That the date of organization of the churches be as published in Minutes of 1867, and hereafter that record be used; and that the Publishing Committee furnish a copy to the Secretaries, Publishing Committee, and to the Scribes of the local Conferences, to be placed in their book of Records.

On motion of Rev. S. L. Bowler,

VOTED, That fifty dollars be appropriated from any moneys in the Treasury of the Conference, to the payment for services of Publishing Committee the coming year.

A CLASSICAL PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

Rev. President Samuel Harris, of Brunswick, chairman of the Committee appointed last year on the subject, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

The Committee of Conference, appointed to consider the establishment of a Classical School in the State, respectfully report,—

1. If a Classical School is established, it must be such as will compare favorably in character, efficiency, and all facilities of education, to the first classical schools in other States. If not, the number of students from Maine attending those schools will not be diminished, and the ends proposed by the new school will not be attained.

2. Such a school cannot be self-sustaining. It is our opinion, and that of those best able to judge with whom we have conferred, that $30,000, besides land and

buildings, should be secured as the lowest endowment on which it would be safe to start such a school,—afterwards to be increased to $50,000.

3. The important educational institutions existing in the State, and having a right to look for aid to the Christian people represented in this Conference, are at present in urgent need of enlarged funds. The interests of religion and education will be better promoted by completely endowing and vigorously sustaining these, than by commencing a new institution at the risk of leaving the existing ones to languish.

Such an institution, vigorously sustained, would be a great advantage to the State, but your committee do not think the way is open for an immediate effort to establish it.

The next day, on motion of President Harris, of Brunswick,

VOTED, That a new Committee be appointed to consider this subject, and report next year.

On motion, Samuel P. Benson, of Brunswick; Rev. William Warren, of Gorham; and Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, of Hampden, were appointed a Committee to nominate said Committee.

Rev. Wm. Warren, in behalf of said Committee, subsequently reported,—

Rev. STEPHEN L. BOWLER, of Hampden,
Dea. J. STORER WHEELWRIGHT, of Bangor,
Rev. JOHN D. EMERSON, of Biddeford.

And they were elected.

MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

On motion,

VOTED, That the Committee appointed last year, in reference to the objects of this Society, be continued to next year.

Committee.—Rev. Messrs. U. BALKAM, W. WARREN, R. WOODHULL, H. F. HARDING; Deas. SAMUEL ADAMS and J. S. WHEELWRIGHT.

(Votes last year, page 74 Minutes, 1868.)

CONGREGATIONALISM.

On motion of Rev. U. Balkam, of Lewiston,

RESOLVED, That a Committee of five be appointed on Congregationalism, to report next year.

This was laid on the table; subsequently taken up, and the following Committee chosen:

Rev. Messrs. HENRY F. HARDING, of Machias; U. BALKAM, of Lewiston; W. PARKER, of Belfast; E. F. CUTTER, of Rockland; B. TAPPAN, of Norridgewock.

Adjourned to half-past 3 o'clock this afternoon.

MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Organized 1807.—Incorporated March 3, 1809.

SIXTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY.

Nine o'clock, A. M.

The *President*, Rev. GEORGE E. ADAMS, of Brunswick, read the Scriptures, and led in prayer.

Sermon, by Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine.

TEXT.—Hebrews 13: 20, 21.

Subject.—The will of God, the end he has in view, and the two forces whereby to attain it,—the divine and human.

The Sermon, Report of the Treasurer and Trustees, the Topics, Speakers, Remarks, and Votes following, and Hymns sung, are reported in the proceedings of the Society, and included in this pamphlet; also, the officers for the ensuing year.

Annual contribution, $111.71.

MAINE BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Organized in Portland, Nov. 19, 1818.

FIFTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY.

Half-past 2 o'clock, P. M.

Rev. ENOCH POND, of Bangor, *President*, opened the meeting with prayer.

The report of the *Treasurer*, Rev. JOTHAM S. SEWALL, of Brunswick, was read by Prof. Herrick, of Bangor.

Receipts.—From contributions	$ 872.87
" drafts on the parent Society	1506.75
	$2379.62
Expenditures	$2373.85

Twenty-five of the churches are reported by the Treasurer, as having contributed to its funds.

Dr. HERRICK, the *Secretary* of the Society, presented his report, which is published in full in the Christian Mirror, July 6.

He referred first to the kind of men now needed. All history shows that the most useful ministry has been educated. It is well to know the demand of our day, and to meet the aggressions of infidel philosophy. Our teachers must be thoroughly furnished. The supply of such men, how obtained; for many of our ministers leave the State, and there are now twenty-five more churches than we have ministers. *Upon whom* rests the responsibility of this supply? On three classes: the ministry,

parents, the church. But many are too poor to fit themselves for the sacred office. Hence the function of the Education Society; it aids the young man who has given himself to the service of the church; if he furnish you with things spiritual, should you not give to him of your carnal things? Last year, the members of our churches in Maine averaged four cents each for the Education Society. Should we not give more,—at least ten cents? This would give it $2000.

In moving that the report be published, Rev. President Harris, of Bowdoin College, earnestly advocated the claims of this Society, because of the need and work of the Bangor Seminary. He asked the aid of all, in leading young men to Bowdoin College. That institution the past year has been blest. It needs to have the pecuniary aid of all good men to whom God has given abundant means. He spoke very eloquently of the high office, and the tender, yet powerful influence of the Christian Pastor. All good men and women should have a part in all our educational movements; this is entering into their high joys and honors. We should not live a low-roofed life; but give,—give as God openeth His liberal hand, and supplieth the wants of all his creatures.

The report was accepted.

The annual contribution amounted to $70.58.

OFFICERS OF THE MAINE BRANCH AMERICAN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Rev. ENOCH POND ..... *President*..... Bangor.
Rev. JOHN O. FISKE..... *Vice-President*..... Bath.
Rev. WILLIAM M. BARBOUR..... *Secretary*..... Bangor.
Rev. Prof. JOTHAM B. SEWALL..... *Treasurer*..... Brunswick.
SAMUEL P. BENSON..... *Auditor*..... Brunswick.

Directors.

President and Secretary, *ex-officiis*; Rev. D. SHEPLEY and Prof. ALPHEUS S. PACKARD.

Half-past 3 o'clock, Conference resumed its session.

The Moderator read the twelfth chapter of Romans.

United in singing,—

"Christ, and his cross, is all our theme."

Rev. Archibald Duff, of Sherbrooke, Quebec, led in prayer.

The Committee of Arrangements made a report, which was accepted.

AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

Rev. Christopher Cushing, its Secretary in Boston, referred to the need of funds to aid in building meeting-houses in Maine, and urged a remembrance of this Society, by the churches in the State.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. Wooster Parker, of Belfast, was adopted:

That in view of the many churches needing aid in erecting houses of worship, and in view of what the American Congregational Union has done and is ready to do for the feeble churches of our own State, it be recommended to all our churches to include the American Congregational Union in its objects of benevolence, and make all contributions for this object through the Union.

BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Committee to visit the Seminary, at its last anniversary, made a report through their Chairman, Rev. Rowland B. Howard, of Farmington.

Accepted,—to be published with the Minutes. (See Reports.)

Rev. William M. Barbour, recently elected Professor in the Seminary, added remarks.

He would not speak of giving,—for the money is the Lord's,—but of the distribution to the saints; for this you need facts.

On coming here, I found buildings, land, and property, all of which belonged to Christ, and should be held for Him.

2d. This Seminary has created the high religious sentiment of this region.

3d. It is not committed to any school,—it happily mingles the old and new.

4th. The Seminary is about to take a new start. It is taking hold of the young men. Nearly $15,000 dollars has recently been obtained in this city. Of three young men, graduates from the Seminary, each gave $500. We want rather the small gifts of the many, than the great gifts of the few. Herein is seen the love of Christ.

5th. The great economy of the Institution; not a dollar is wasted; its life depends on the churches *in Maine*. Above all, we need God's blessing; that the numbers seeking instruction may be increased; that numbers may awaken enthusiasm; that parents may *predestinate* their children to the sacred calling. Adopt it as your child; give us your consecrated money, and your consecrated sons, and we will do well.

Sung,—

"Awake, and sing the song of Moses and the Lamb."

AMERICAN AND FOREIGN CHRISTIAN UNION.

The objects and claims of this Society were presented by Rev. Alfred Emerson, Secretary, of Andover, Mass.

There was an urgent call to this work, because of the new papal tracts, female schools, and the servility of New York in establishing, for political purposes, sectarian schools.

The roll of Delegates was called. Adjourned, after the benediction.

Evening—7½ o'clock.

The Moderator read the 125th Psalm.

Rev. John J. Carruthers, of Portland, led in prayer.

Sung,—

"In the cross of Christ I glory."

SALUTATIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Rev. Charles S. Dunning, of the Presbystery of Montrose, Honesdale, Pa., delegate from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (New School), being obliged to leave to-night, presented the Christian salutations of that body.

In the course of his remarks, he spoke of the causes leading to the attempt at the union of the two branches of the Presbyterian church. In the Christian life, the enmities are mortal; the humanities eternal.

The Moderator responded, returning, through the honored delegate to that branch of the church, our Christian regards and greetings.

FOREIGN MISSIONS — CHRISTIAN RENDERING.

Rev. William Warren, District Secretary of the American Board of Foreign Missions, read a paper on "Giving," or "Christian Rendering," in the place of a plea for that Board.

He spoke of the propensity to gain as strong, and of the property idea as underlying all law, jurisprudence, and political economy; its value, its rights, and their adjustments; how much is said and done among men about it. Should we not expect that God gives money its rules! One-fifth of the law relates to it. How fully Christ met this powerful agency,—the use of money; and his chief Apostle says, "Covetousness is idolatry." Let men acquire, but let them *render* under the Lord.

Sung,—

"Oh, could I speak the matchless worth."

Rev. Henry Blodgett, who arrived in this country three weeks since from China, where he has been laboring as a missionary with great wisdom, zeal, and success for fifteen years past, was present, and welcomed by the Moderator in behalf of Maine, on his return among us.

He is a native of Bucksport, and a graduate of the Bangor Seminary, in the class of 1851. He gave some account of that country and its people. He had himself lived in North China, where the climate is much more healthy than in the southern part. The mission was established in 1860, and he now finds as much freedom there to preach of Christ, as in Bangor. He showed clearly the necessity of sending missionaries to China and of the good accomplished by it, and of the greater good that was yet to be realized. The thousands of Chinese coming to this country should be cared for by the churches *here*, as they are beginning to be in California. He

closed by repeating the Lord's Prayer in Chinese,—the oldest language of the world.

CONGREGATIONAL SABBATH SCHOOL AND PUBLISHING SOCIETY.

Rev. Asa Bullard, Secretary, of Boston, spoke in behalf of the work and claims of this organization.

At the opening of the session next morning, the following resolutions were presented by Rev. U. Balkam, of Lewiston:

RESOLVED, That Christian duty calls us, as Congregationalists, to provide more fully the religious literature that is needed for use and gratuitous distribution by our denomination.

RESOLVED, That we rejoice in the recent organization of the CONGREGATIONAL SABBATH SCHOOL AND PUBLISHING SOCIETY, with its purposes and arrangements to furnish the religious publications that our churches need; and we earnestly hope that there may be consolidated with this new Society, all other denominational publishing interests. And we commend this Society to the sympathy and liberal support of our churches.

Adopted.

AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

Rev. Edward P. Stone, of Boston, spoke of the important claims of this Christian organization.

AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY.

Rev. L. Burton Lockwood, of Boston, spoke in behalf of the American Tract Society, New York.

United in singing,—

"Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing."

Report of the Committee of Arrangements. Accepted.

Benediction, by Rev. Charles S. Dunning, delegate from the Presbyterian church. Adjourned.

Third Day—Thursday, June 24.

Half-past 5 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer-meeting, conducted by Rev. John J. Carruthers, of Portland. A meeting of great interest and deep feeling.

Eight o'clock, A. M.—*Business session.*

The Moderator read from John, 15th chapter.

Led in prayer by Rev. Alfred Stevens, delegate from the Vermont Convention.

Sung,—

"How charming is the place."

ORDER OF SERVICE.

The Committee on Changes in Conference, appointed in 1867–8, having been discharged from further service, Rev. George E. Adams, of Brunswick, introduced the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That for the sake of greater simplicity and unity, and a more satisfactory order in the public services of our annual convocation, it be recommended to the Committee of Arrangements for the next year to secure, if possible, some understanding with the officers of the Education Society (Maine branch) and the officers of the Congregational Charitable Society, by which the business of these societies may be transacted at some hour not demanded for public exercises, while their respective claims shall be presented as a part of the exercises of the Conference itself, at the most suitable hours, like other objects; and by which particularly the two evenings of our session, Tuesday and Wednesday, may be left free to be occupied in such way as will best interest and edify the congregations that may assemble.

On motion of Rev. Wooster Parker, of Belfast,

VOTED, That the Committee of Nominations be authorized to add an Advisory Committee to represent the Maine Branch of the American Education Society, and the Maine Congregational Charitable Society, who shall be a part of the Committee of Arrangements to be appointed for next year.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Searsport, in behalf of the Committee, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted, as follows:

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Delegates to attend in person, or send a written communication.—RULE 13.

General Association of New Hampshire.

Fourth Tuesday of August (24), 1869, at 10 a. m., in First Church, Keene.

PRIMARY.	SUBSTITUTES.
Dea. GEORGE ALLEN.....Waldoboro'.	Rev. S. HAYWARD.....South Berwick.

General Convention of Vermont.

Third Tuesday of June (21), 1870, in Montpelier.

Rev. A. J. SMITH.....Rockport. | Rev. GEORGE A. PUTNAM....Yarmouth.

General Association of Congregational Churches in Massachusetts.

Second Tuesday of June (14), 1870, in Taunton.

Rev. AUSTIN L. PARK.....Gardiner. | Rev. E. H. TITUS.....Bethel.

General Association of Connecticut.

Third Tuesday of June (21), 1870, in Center Church, Meriden.

Rev. WOOSTER PARKER.....Belfast. | Rev. JOHN B. WHEELWRIGHT....Paris.

General Conference of the Congregational Churches of Connecticut.

Tuesday, October 26, 1869, in Rockville.

Rhode Island Congregational Conference.

Second Tuesday of June (14), 1870, in Central Falls.

Bro. J. DRUMMOND.....Bath. | Rev. S. L. BOWLER.....Hampden.

General Association of New York and New Jersey.

October 19, 1869, at 2 p. m., at Potsdam Junction.

Bro. JOSEPH J. TAYLOR....New Castle. | Rev. JOSEPH KYTE.....Stockton.

General Association of Michigan.

Third Wednesday of May (18), 1870, at 7 1-2 p. m., in Grand Rapids.

Rev. R. B. HOWARD.....Farmington. | Rev. B. T. SANBORN.....Freeport.

Ohio Congregational Conference.

Second Tuesday of June (14), 1870, at 7 p. m., in Oberlin.

Rev. SOLOMON P. FAY.....Bangor. | Rev. JAVAN K. MASON.....Thomaston.

General Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers, Indiana.

First Thursday of June (2), 1870, at 7 p. m., in Kokamo.

Rev. JONAS BURNHAM.....Farmington. | Rev. H. A. SHOREY.....Camden.

General Association of Illinois.

Fourth Wednesday of May (25), 1870, in Aurora.

Rev. THOMAS T. MERRY.....Norway. | Rev. W. NEWELL.....Brewer Village.

General Association of Congregational Churches in Missouri.

Third Wednesday in October (20), 1869, at 7 p. m., in Sedalia.

Rev. BENJ. TAPPAN.....Norridgewock. | Rev. FRED. E. STURGESS....Skowhegan.

General Association of Iowa.

Fourth Wednesday in May (25), 1870, at 7 p. m., in Davenport.

Rev. WILLIAM H. FENN.....Portland. | Rev. THOMAS G. MITCHELL....Madison.

General Congregational Conference of Minnesota.

Second Thursday in October (14), 1869, in Owatonna.

Rev. FLAVIUS V. NORCROSS.....Union. | Rev. STEPHEN THURSTON....Searsport.

Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin.

First Wednesday in October (6), 1869, in Sparta.

Rev. JOHN C. ADAMS.....Falmouth. | Rev. PETER B. THAYER.....Garland.

General Association of Congregational Ministers and Churches in Kansas.

Second Wednesday in May (11), 1870, in Leavenworth.

Dea. J. P. THWING.....New Sharon. | Rev. CHAS. PACKARD.....Waldoboro'.

Congregational General Association of Oregon.

Third Thursday in June (16), 1870.

Rev. JOHN PARSONS .....York. | Rev. JOHN J. BULFINCH....New Castle.

Congregational Association of California.

October 6, 1869.

Rev. JOHN O. FISKE.....Bath. | Rev. GEORGE E. STREET.....Wiscasset.

Congregational Union of Nova Scotia andNew Brunswick.

September 6, 1869.

Rev. HENRY F. HARDING.....Machias. | Rev. WILLIAM CARRUTHERS.....Calais.

Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec.

Wednesday after the first Sabbath in June (8), 1870 at 7 1-2 p. m., in Zion Church, Bay street, Toronto.

Dea. J. S. WHEELWRIGHT.....Bangor. | Rev. DAVID GARLAND.....Bethel.

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (New School).

Third Tuesday in May (17), 1870, in Pittsburg, Pa.

Rev. JOHN J. CARRUTHERS....Portland. | Rev. GEORGE E. ADAMS....Brunswick.

Maine Baptist Missionary Convention.

Third Tuesday in June (21), 1870.

Rev. SAMUEL BOWKER.....Wells. | Rev. EDWARD R. OSGOOD.....Houlton.

Maine Conference of Methodist Episcopal Church.

May, 1870, in Augusta.

Rev. JOEL F. BINGHAM.....Augusta. | Rev. JOHN DINSMORE.....Winslow.

East Maine Conference of Methodist Episcopal Church.

May, 1870, in Rockland.

Rev. SMITH BAKER.....Orono. | Rev. EDWARD F. CUTTER.....Rockland.

Freewill Baptist Yearly Meeting.

Third Tuesday in August (17), 1869, in Hancock.

Rev. SIMEON HACKETT.....Temple. | Rev. SEWALL TENNEY.....Ellsworth.

COMMITTEES.

Standing of Ministers.

Rev. ENOCH POND.....Bangor.
Rev. GEORGE E. ADAMS....Brunswick.
Rev. STEPHEN THURSTON...Searsport.
Rev. JOHN J. CARRUTHERS...Portland.
Rev. CHARLES TENNEY.....Biddeford.

Sabbath Schools.—Rev. SMITH BAKER, of Orono.

Publication of Minutes.

Dea. E. F. DUREN.....Bangor.
Rev. STEPHEN L. BOWLER..Hampden.
Rev. DAVID GARLAND.....Bethel.

To visit the Theological Seminary, Bangor.

MEMBERS.	RESIDENCE.	CONFERENCE.
Rev. CHARLES EMERSON	Lee	*Aroostook.*
Rev. HORATIO ILSLEY	South Freeport	*Cumberland.*
Rev. SIMEON HACKETT	Temple	*Franklin.*
Rev. HIRAM HOUSTON	Deer Isle	*Hancock.*
Rev. CHARLES G. MCCULLY	Hallowell	*Kennebec.*
Rev. EDWARD F. CUTTER	Rockland	*Lincoln and Sagadahoc.*
Rev. JOHN B. WHEELWRIGHT	South Paris	*Oxford.*
Rev. JAMES WELLS	Dedham	*Penobscot.*
Rev. LEANDER S. COAN	Brownville	*Piscataquis.*
Rev. ALEXANDER R. PLUMER	Athens	*Somerset.*
Rev. ADDISON BLANCHARD	South Bridgton	*Union.*
Rev. JOSEPH KYTE	Stockton	*Waldo.*
Rev. HENRY F. HARDING	Machias	*Washington.*
Rev. JOHN PARSONS	York	*York.*

NEXT MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

On Tuesday preceding the fourth Wednesday of June (21), 1870, at nine o'clock A. M., with the Central Congregational Church in Portland.

Committee of Arrangements.

Rev. BENSON M. FRINK, Rev. WM. H. FENN, FRANCIS E. PRAY, of Portland.

Advisory Committee to represent the Maine Branch of the Education Society, and the Maine Congregational Charitable Society.

Rev. GEORGE E. ADAMS, of Brunswick; Rev. EDWARD F. CUTTER, of Rockland.

Preacher,—Tuesday Forenoon.

Rev. JOHN R. HERRICK, Bangor, Prim. | Rev. CHAS. G. MCCULLY, Hallowell, Sub.

Committee on Nominations.

Rev. GEORGE A. TEWKSBURY, of Cumberland Conference.
Rev. BENJAMIN A. ROBIE, of Kennebec Conference.
Rev. STEPHEN L. BOWLER, of Penobscot Conference.
Rev. HORACE TOOTHAKER, of Franklin Conference.
Rev. JOHN W. H. BAKER, of Union Conference.
Rev. EDGAR L. FOSTER, of Washington Conference.

THE MINISTRY.

The following resolutions were accepted to be acted on next year:

1st. What shall be said of the tendency of pious young men to enter so generally upon lucrative and secular professions, and what shall be done to attract them to the ministry?

Committee to whom the subject was referred, Prof. William M. Barbour, of Bangor; Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath; and Rev. Geo. A. Tewksbury, of Portland.

2d. What shall be said of the tendency on the part of the ministry to labor as stated supply rather than as settled pastors, and how shall the tendency be corrected?

Committee to report, Rev. Smith Baker, of Orono; Rev. Sewall Tenney, of Ellsworth; Rev. Luther Wiswall, of Windham.

TEMPERANCE.

On motion of Rev. Josiah T. Hawes, of Litchfield, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED,—That we re-affirm our confidence in the justice and efficiency of the legal prohibition of the liquor traffic as an indispensable adjunct to moral effort in the promotion of the Temperance Reform, and again declare our solemn and steadfast purpose to seek not only to maintain the prohibitory principle in legislation, but also to promote its faithful execution.

Delegates to corresponding bodies, who had not before responded to the call, made their Report [included with others on page 7].

Attended to the final calling of the Roll.

Recess of five minutes.

United in singing,—

"Come, dearest Lord, descend and dwell
By faith and love in every breast."

Rev. Asa Bullard, of Boston, led in prayer,—remembering a request from several, who had desired special prayer for friends.

SALUTATIONS OF CORRESPONDING BODIES.

GENERAL CONVENTION OF VERMONT.—Rev. Alfred Stevens, of Westminster.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MASSACHUSETTS.—Rev. Stephen R. Dennen, of Woburn, Mass.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN.—Rev. Oren C. Thompson, of Detroit.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS.—Rev. Lucius H. Parker, of Galesburg.

CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE OF MISSOURI.—Rev. Benjamin F. Perkins, of Kingston.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.—Rev. Archibald Duff, of Sherbrooke, Quebec.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (New School).—Rev. Charles S. Dunning, of the Presbytery of Montrose, Honesdale, Pa. (reported yesterday).

MAINE BAPTIST MISSIONARY CONVENTION.—Rev. Francis T. Hazlewood, of Bangor.

MAINE AND EAST MAINE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST E. CHURCH.—Rev. Charles F. Allen, of Bangor.

Letters were read from the following Corresponding Bodies:

FROM THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK.—Rev. Wm. B. Hammond, of Lenox, Delegate. Read by Rev. Philander Thurston, of Machias.

ASSOCIATION OF IOWA.—Rev. A. B. Robbins, of Muscatine, Delegate. By Rev. John J. Bulfinch, of Newcastle.

GENERAL CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE OF MINNESOTA.—Rev. Joseph F. Cogswell, of Zumbrota, Delegate. By Rev. Benjamin Tappan, of Norridgewock.

PRESBYTERIAN AND CONGREGATIONAL CONVENTION OF WISCONSIN.—Rev. Joseph Collie, of Delavan, Delegate. By Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, of Hampden.

THE CONGREGATIONAL GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF OREGON was well represented (though not appointed as a Delegate), by Mr. J. E. Walker, of the Seminary, Bangor, a son of Rev. Elkanah Walker, of Oregon, formerly of Maine.

After the communication from the Delegate of the Conference in Minnesota had been read, Rev. Edwin J. Hart, a native of Holden, Maine, now residing in Cottage Grove, Minn., added a few remarks.

United in singing,—

"My country, 'tis of thee!"

The Moderator responded to the greetings of the delegates, expressing the assurances of the Conference that we love all these different organiza-

tions, because they are composed of Christians, who acknowledge Christ as their Head, and unite in desire and effort to advance His kingdom.

A letter was received by this evening's mail from Rev. Charles H. Pope, of Benicia, delegate from the General Association of California, dated June 14, sending greetings. Its reception was announced by Rev. S. P. Fay, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements for the Conference, at the meeting of the Sabbath Schools this evening, just before the adjournment, with the statement that it would be published in the Christian Mirror.

Rev. Edward B. Hooker, of Boston, Mass., occupied a moment in speaking of the encouragements which we have in the thought that the GOD OF HOSTS is with us,—and that no power can effectually hinder us in our work. There be more for us, than against us.

Rev. Professor Herrick invited the Conference to visit the seminary grounds, and especially the chapel erected by the ladies; and its library and cabinet.

Sung,—

"Come, all ye saints of God."

MAINE SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

The Secretary, Rev. Francis Southworth, of Portland, reported as follows:

"It is extremely difficult to awaken an interest in the cause of seamen in the State of Maine. But five churches have responded to our call during the year. These have contributed $103.53; which sum has been employed in printing and correspondence, for papers and periodicals, and for the general welfare of the seamen. The work at the Bethel, in Portland, has been greatly prospered, and the interest is still good. A very large quantity of reading has been distributed to the sailors during the year, and is very gratefully received. Our supply for placing packages on board of vessels, is derived largely from individuals who contribute their old papers and periodicals (none but good ones being distributed), which doubtless do more good the second, than the first time. God helping us, we mean to have a better report to make the coming year."

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

Last, but not least, the place which this Society holds in the work of regenerating and sanctifying the race, was ably and faithfully set forth by its representative, Rev. Samuel H. Merrill, of Portland.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Rev. Smith Baker, of Orono, Committee on Sabbath Schools, communicated to the Conference that his Report would be made at the meeting of Sabbath Schools this evening.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Rev. David Garland, of Bethel, as Corresponding Secretary, read a synopsis of the Forty-third Annual Report of the state of the Churches in the General Conference.

On motion of Rev. Charles C. Parker, of Cumberland Conference,—

The Report was accepted, and ordered published with the minutes.

Sung,—

"Arise, my soul! my joyful powers."

Benediction by Rev. Prof. Enoch Pond, of Bangor.

Adjourned to 2½ P. M.

CLOSING SERVICE.

COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.

Half-past two o'clock P. M.

The Moderator extended an invitation to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ, and are in regular connection with any church, in fellowship with us, to unite in observing this sacrament.

Opening remarks by Rev. Stephen R. Dennen, delegate from Massachusetts, followed by Rev. Archibald Duff, delegate from the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec.

Rev. Benjamin Tappan, of Somerset Conference, and Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath, offered prayer before administering the elements.

These were distributed by Deacons Samuel W. Larrabee, of the Second Church, Portland; Sewall C. Chase, of the High Street Church, Portland; Simon Page, of Hallowell; Samuel Adams, of Castine; John Buck, of Orland; and Albert Titcomb, of the First Church, Bangor.

Amount of the contribution, $81.94.

VOTE OF THANKS.

Rev. Rowland B. Howard, of Farmington, in behalf of the Conference, introduced, with appropriate remarks, and the warmth and earnestness of his heart, the following resolution:

RESOLVED,—That this Conference hereby tenders its sincere thanks to the Railroad and Steamboat Companies which have reduced their fares for our accommodation; to the Bangor Mercantile Association, for the invitation to visit their Reading-Rooms and Library; also, to the Daily Press of this city, for their excellent Report of our proceedings; also, to the Committee of Arrangements for their arduous and successful efforts in the interest of this meeting; also, to the Hammond St. Church and Society for the use of their beautiful and commodious house of worship; to the ladies for their flowers; also, to the families of this parish, and to the people of Bangor and Brewer, for their ample and generous hospitality.

The resolution was unanimously adopted, to which Rev. S. P. Fay, the pastor of the church, responded in fitting terms.

United in singing,—

"Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love."

Rev. George E. Adams, of Brunswick, a native of this city, referred to pleasant reminiscences of his early residence here, and rendered a tender and fitting tribute to the memory of his father; and in his remembrance of him, and of his interest in the Theological Seminary of this city, made a donation of fifty dollars to its funds.

Other friends and members of the Alumni were moved to express their regard for the Seminary, by pledging a sum ranging from $25 to $300, amounting in all to about $2000. At the last report, there was a prospect of still further additions to the sum.

United in singing,—

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow."

Benediction by Rev. Josiah T. Hawes, of Kennebec Conference.

Adjourned.

E. F. DUREN, *Recording Secretary.*
J. D. EMERSON, *Assistant Rec. Sec'y.*

SABBATH SCHOOL MEETING.

Thursday evening, seven o'clock.

In connection with the meetings of Conference, an arrangement was made for a gathering of the children and members of the Sabbath Schools of Bangor and Brewer, at the Central Church, under the direction of Rev. Smith Baker, of Orono, Secretary for Sabbath Schools in the General Conference. Mr. B. made a brief statement respecting the Sabbath Schools of the Conference.

The singing was under the direction of Dea. E. F. Duren. Mr. Charles W. Shannon, organist.

1st Hymn,—

"Glorious things of thee are spoken."

The nineteenth Psalm was read alternately by Mr. Baker and the schools.

2d Hymn,—

"See, oh see what love."

Prayer offered by Rev. George A. Putnam, of Yarmouth.

3d Hymn,—

"In the world of glory bright."

Remarks by Rev. John D. Emerson, of Biddeford.

4th Hymn,—

"Come to me."

Remarks by Rev. Archibald Duff, of Canada, who very happily secured the attention of his audience by his frequent and apt questions, to which they were ready to respond.

5th Hymn,—

"Holy Bible, book divine."

Remarks by Rev. Rowland B. Howard, of Farmington.

6th Hymn,—

"Shall we gather at the river."

Remarks by Rev. Asa Bullard, of Boston, Secretary of the Congregational Publication and S. S. Society, whose life-work has been given to the children, and who is well called the children's friend.

7th Hymn,—

"When I think of that city of light."

The latter part of the session was in charge of Rev. S. P. Fay, of Bangor, Mr. Baker being called away.

Remarks by Rev. S. P. Fay.

8th Hymn,—

"Home, sweet home,
Prepare me, dear Saviour, for glory and home."

Benediction.

Beautiful flowers were tastefully and bountifully arranged about the pulpit.

Fuller reports of the meeting of General Conference, and of the County Conferences, and of many topics which are referred to in the Minutes, are published in various papers and magazines of the day.

The meetings were well attended, sometimes drawing to them more than could be accommodated with seats, or even standing-room. The exercises were characterized by great earnestness, and appropriateness.

The singing, a portion of the time led by the organ (Mrs. Dyer, organist), was congregational,—full, earnest, prompt, and devotional.

The ladies of the Society made a fine display of flowers around the pulpit, with four large baskets of beautiful flowers, suspended one from each of the four chandeliers in the house, thus providing rare beauty and fragrance.

Says a correspondent who was present:

"But the charm of the meeting was the communion of saints. Unity of spirit and aim pervaded it; and a high tone of spirituality went through all the sessions. We could not but feel that Jesus, in his infinite charity, was pleased with the scene, and the presence of his own body, the church. His likeness was upon it, though but a shadowy form, and His spirit, made imperfect indeed by the medium through which it had expression, rested upon the assembly, making the sessions, on the whole, a sitting together in heavenly places."

ABSTRACT OF THE FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT.

ANOTHER conference year of trial and care, of watching, fasting, and prayer is now ended. And the friends of Zion are again assembled at their yearly religious festival to exchange the warm hand of Christian fellowship, to review their doings in the past, and to deliberate anew upon subjects which appertain to the interest of the Redeemer's kingdom. During the year just closed, about one hundred and seventy ministers of Christ have been directly interested in the General Conference. And of this number, about one hundred and fifteen are alumni of Bangor Theological Seminary. The immediate and direct influence of this valuable and much needed institution is, to a great degree, the life and the operative force of the General Conference of Maine. Her sons, well educated in the science of theology, are scattered over the different parts of our State; and with true zeal and praiseworthy effort, they seek to subdue the dire reign of sin, and to usher in the peaceful reign of Christ's righteousness.

And at this hour she is looking down from her elevated position with deep interest upon the deliberations of her many sons gathered beneath the beautiful shades of her consecrated walls. In her feeling of anxiety about the welfare of Zion in Maine, she would know whether they think it worth while to keep the old homestead in good repute, and to furnish her ample funds to give her richly deserved fame among other theological seminaries. She would readily and happily receive under her immediate care many more young men of piety, of talent, and of a desire to work for Christ, and educate them, and send them forth to supply the places of those ministers that have either gone to other fields of labor, or have been called home by Christ, their divine Master. The reports of our churches speak very loudly and mournfully of the lack of good, efficient pastors. This great destitution of faithful ministers of Christ should, in itself, be a sufficient motive power to induce all of his many friends to do what they can to increase the number of students in the Seminary of this city. For, if we do not secure in our very midst a comfortable supply of ministers to meet our home demand, we must suffer for the want of public spiritual guides and teachers. In the present urgent call for such men from other great harvest-fields, it is utterly in vain that we look elsewhere for the much-needed labors. As the tide of

emigration is set very strongly westward to the large, fertile, and rapidly rising States, and along the track of the great Pacific Railway, and also southward to the rich, inviting plantations lately redeemed from the blighting curse of slavery, it is, in our view, a question well worthy the serious thought of the wise and the good, whether or not Maine will, some day, become a great moral sheep-pasture, with spiritually famished flocks. Scattered along her extended sea-coast, and upon the banks of her rivers, and among her mountains, with but a very few shepherds to feed them with the precious word of life.

In their efforts to reclaim for Christ the dreary wastes of Zion, they have need to possess, and also to exhibit, very much of the self-denying spirit of that humble, godly man of the wilderness of Judea, who, clad in a rustic garb, and nurtured by the food of peasants, went from hamlet to hamlet, and from cottage to cottage, over hill, and through dale, and all the while uttered to poor deluded creatures the expressive words, "Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Though the year just closed has not been peculiarly marked by frequent and copious outpourings of the Spirit upon our churches, the marshalled and concentrated forces of Christ have been busily at work, storming the citadels of infidelity, and striving to demolish the strongholds of anti-christ. So many and so varied and subtle are the foes arrayed against His colaborers, they cannot possibly retain their ground already possessed, except through his direct and merciful interposition. As their divinely prescribed mode of warfare is both offensive and defensive, and as they are obliged, while in the severe conflict, to contend for the disputed ground, as it were inch by inch, it need not seem strange, in the view of finite wisdom, that they do not effect more signal results in the hallowed cause in which they are engaged. During the year of labor just closed, chosen servants of our churches have enjoyed precious revival seasons. They have had such generous visitations of the Holy Spirit, they can well speak of joyful victories for Christ, and sing the song of triumph.

In Cumberland Conference, the Bethel Church, Portland, has enjoyed a rich work of grace, and also the churches in Gray and South Freeport. In Lincoln and Sagadahoc Conference, the Winter Street Church, Bath, has been refreshed by the visitation of the Spirit. In Penobscot Conference, the church in Hampden has enjoyed a revival season. In Union Conference, the churches in Harrison and Otisfield have experienced a good work of mercy. In Waldo Conference, the Second Church in Searsport, and the church at Sandy Point, have had reason to bless God

for the special manifestations of his presence. In Washington Conference, the churches in Machias, Perry, Topsfield, and Whiting have received gracious visitations from the Spirit. In York Conference, the churches in Buxton and Cornish have had seasons of spiritual rejoicing. Other churches in different conferences have witnessed, more or less, of the reviving power of the Holy Spirit. The number admitted into our churches by profession, during the year, is 546; the number admitted by letter is 319, making in all, 863. The number of removals by death and dismission is 677, which give an increase of 186 members. The number connected with all our churches is, as reported, 19,526. The whole number in all our Sabbath Schools, is 20,939. The amount of contributions to objects of charity is $38,339. Twelve pastors have been installed during the year, and three dismissed. Fifty-four churches now have pastors, 108 have stated supplies, and seventy-eight are reported vacant. Houses of worship have been extensively repaired and beautified,—by the Second Church Searsport, First Church Belfast, by the church in Gadiner, in Newcastle, in Perry, and in Temple. Three ministers in active service among the churches have died during the year. These were Benjamin C. Chase, John A. Perry, and Elijah Jones. The last one here named was a member of the first class in Bangor Seminary, and was forty-five years pastor of the church in Minot. He was truly a pillar in the church of Christ; sound in the faith, judicious and determinate in the service of his Master. And not once during the forty-five years of his pastorate did he flee into some hiding-place to escape the fury of a terrible Jezebel, that hated the religion of the Cross of Christ. But having nobly fulfilled his day, and completed the mission work assigned him by Christ, the Great Head of the Church, he has, by him, been called home, gathered like as a shock of corn fully ripe, in his season. May some good Elisha appear in our Zion, who shall be worthy to receive the mantle of the good Elijah, unascended. The fathers! where are they? And the prophets! do they live forever? The fathers die, and the prophets pass away, and churches are deprived of good pastors and teachers. But amid these changes which bring the heaving sigh, and cause to flow the tear of sadness, there is to all Christians much joy in the thought, that Christ ever liveth, and is the same yesterday, to-day, and forever; and that being the life, the power, and the glory of his own Church, he will in some way, or by some means, shield her from the assaults of all her enemies, however formidable, and however fearful, until he has fully perfected his present design of love *and mercy to* this ruined world.

D. GARLAND, *Cor. Sec.*

NECROLOGY.

Rev. BENJAMIN CHAPMAN CHASE died in Foxcroft, October 13, 1868, aged 49.

Mr. C. was born in Cornish, N. H., Jan. 29, 1819. Academical education at Kimball Union Academy, Meriden, N. H. Graduated at Dartmouth College, 1846; Bangor Theological Seminary, 1849. Stated supply in Camden from Jan. 24, 1849; ordained pastor, Jan. 8, 1850; dismissed Sept. 28, 1857. Stated supply First church, Attleboro, Mass., July, 1857, to Jan. 1, 1863. Stated supply Oldtown, Jan. 1, 1863, to April 3, 1864. Stated supply in Foxcroft and Dover church, from April, 1864; installed pastor, May 8, 1866. While at Camden, he delivered the address, Sept. 11, 1855, at the Semi-centennial Anniversary of the organization of the church in that place.

Promptness, activity, and devotion, were marked elements in his character. He never gave himself much vacation or rest. While making the ministry the great object of his life, he took a lively interest in schools, public lectures, libraries, music, and whatever contributed to the elevation and culture of the community. He suffered much in the last seven weeks of his life from cancerous humors in the stomach. He expressed during his last days much sorrow for past unfaithfulness, and a strong desire to be raised up, to labor more faithfully and earnestly for the cause of Christ: but usually said, after expressing that desire, "The Lord's will be done." He spent much time in prayer and thanksgiving. Funeral services were held Oct. 15; conducted by Rev. Peter B. Thayer, of Garland, and Rev. John A. Perry, of Guilford Notice in Bangor Whig and Courier, Oct. 24, 1868, from the Piscataquis Observer, Dover, Me.; Congregationalist and Recorder, Nov. 19; Minute by Penobscot Association, Chr. Mirror, Jan. 5, 1869; notice by W. W. D. in Congregational Quarterly, April, 1869, page 290. Minutes, p. 11.

Rev. JOHN ALBERT PERRY died suddenly in Guilford, Oct. 16, 1868, aged 65.

Mr. P. was born in Brunswick, Me., May 21, 1803. Academical training at Gorham Academy. Entered Bowdoin College in 1819. Graduated Bangor Theological Seminary in 1840. Stated supply in Burlington in 1840-1; ordained pastor in Whitneyville, December, 1841; dismissed June 11, 1845. Stated supply Orono, June 29, 1845, to August, 1849; Sangerville and Guilford, 1847 to 1859, and from 1860; Blanchard, 1849 to 1859; Abbot, April 1850, to 1859, and from January, 1860.

A humble, faithful, diligent laborer in the vineyard; of warm sympathies, and strong personal attachments; careful of the feelings of others; striving not to give offence, and ready to forgive injuries; disposed to look on the bright side, and to toil on amid outward discouragement. Referring, not long since in a letter to a friend, to the labors of love for Christ, and to the communion of saints on earth, he wrote: "When we meet soon on Mt. Zion above, I doubt not we shall remember and talk of what has been done here on earth."

He attended the funeral of Rev. Benjamin C. Chase, of the same Conference, in Foxcroft, the day before his death, and took part in the services. After breakfast, he took the Bible to attend family prayers, and soon after opening it, threw his head up, fell back, and died. Disease,—paralysis of the heart.

Funeral services were conducted in the meeting-house by Rev. Messrs. Peter B. Thayer, of Garland; Rufus W. Emerson, of Monson; and A. M. Piper (Baptist), of Guilford. See page 10.

Rev. ELIJAH JONES died in Minot, April 29, 1869, aged 79.

Mr. J. was born December 4, 1790, in the eastern part of Orrington, now called Holden. When about 17 years of age, he had the care of a widowed mother, and several younger children,—working hard on a small farm. In 1816, he taught school, and commenced studying for the ministry. In 1818, he was Preceptor of the Academy in Lincoln. Licensed to preach, Dec. 30, 1819. In 1820, graduated at the Bangor Theological Seminary, and was appointed Missionary in Farmington and vicinity; was also a few months at Castine. He went to Minot in September, 1821, preaching alternately in two meeting-houses, about three miles apart. There were then two Congregational churches, with an aggregate of 37 members, and Mr. Jones received a call to become their pastor, which he declined. Some difficulties which had existed between the churches having been healed, and a new church formed, harmoniously uniting in one, he accepted a call to become their pastor, and was ordained on the same day of the organization of the church, Feb. 12, 1823. For twenty-three years, he preached alternately in the two meeting-houses. When the number of church members had reached about 350, he proposed that they should divide, and have another minister,—this was declined. In May, 1844, the town was divided; one meeting-house came to be located in Auburn, and the other in Minot; and so they became two bands. Mr. Jones has remained with the people in Minot forty-eight years; a faithful and able minister, and an affectionate pastor. During his ministry there have been many seasons of religious interest, and some 500 have been hopefully converted; and since 1867, forty members have been added to the church; some of them great-grandchildren of such as were pillars in the church at the time of his ordination. Father Jones wrote to a friend not long since,—"During my ministry, my salary has seldom, if ever, been equal to $500 yearly, and often far below that; I have raised a family of nine children, and given one son to the Christian ministry. While at the Seminary I paid all my own expenses. Of course, I shall never be rich. On the whole, I think I have been happier, than if I had often shifted from place to place, seeking to gain popularity, and looking out for an increase of salary."

He took a deep interest in the prosperity of the town; was prominent in labors for the right education of the children, being chairman of the school committee for many years. He was associated with the philanthropist, William Ladd, who was a member of his church, in efforts to promote the objects of the American Peace Society.

He was appointed in 1839 a member of the Board of Trustees of the Bangor Theological Seminary, and was always present at its annual meeting, and at the anniversary.

The sermon at his funeral, May 1, was preached by Rev. Horatio Ilsley, of South Freeport,—other services conducted by Rev. Stephen Morton, of West Auburn, and Rev. U. Balkam, of Lewiston. See Minutes, p. 11. Ch. Mirror, May 4, 11; Cong. and Recorder, by H. I., May 13.

Resolutions of respect to the memory of Rev. Elijah Jones, were adopted by the Trustees of the Bangor Theological Seminary, and those also of the Edward Little Institute, Lewiston, of which Boards he had been a member.

FORMER PASTORS.

Rev. WHEELOCK CRAIG died in Neufchatel, Switzerland, November 28, 1868 aged 46.

Mr. C.'s native place was Augusta, Me. Graduated from Bowdoin College, 1843; Bangor Theological Seminary, 1847. Ordained in New Castle, First Church, August *8, 1849; dismissed* November 4, 1850. Pastor Trinitarian Church, New Bedford,

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EXPLANATIONS.—S. S., *Stated Supply.* M. A., *Ministerial Age.* P. A., *Pastoral Age.*

AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE.

[illegible]nual Meeting, second Saturday and Sunday in June.—Organized in Houlton, January 22, 1846.—Semi-annual Meeting, third Saturday and Sunday in September.

Churches.—1869, May 2.—Ministers. Ch. Mem., May 2, 1869. Admitted.—1868.—Removed. Baptized.

Place and Name.	*Organized.*	*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Inst. or S.S.*	*M.A.*	*P.A.*	*Mle*	*Fem.*	*Tot*	*Abs.*	*Prf.*	*Let.*	*Tot*	*Dth*	*Dis*	*Ex*	*Tot*	*Add*	*Inf.*	*S. Sch*	*Cont.*
Burlington	1827, July 12	W. K. Pierce, s.s.	Licentiate.	1869.	.....	.....	10	15	25	2	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	50	$ 00
Carroll and Springfield.	1846, Mar. 15	Chas. H. Emerson, s. s.	1857, Dec. 16	1865.	.....	.....	8	12	20	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	00
Fort Fairfield	1843, Oct. 9	Franklin D. Austin, s.s.	1853, Jun. 23	1867, July 1	.....	.....	8	17	25	7	10	3	13	0	0	0	0	0	3	*100	7
Hodgdon and Linneus.	1845, Sep. 25	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	8	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	00
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The sermon at his funeral, Feb. 25, was by Rev. Dr. Stearns, President of Amherst College; text, John 19:30. Prayer by the Chaplain of the House of Representatives (Mass.), and by Rev. H. M. Parsons, of Springfield. Christian Mirror, March 9; Congregationalist and Recorder, March 4; Letter from Rev. Lyman Whiting, Cong. and Recorder, March 25; Obituary record of Yale College, 1869, page 301; Minutes, page 12.

Rev. SWAN LYMAN POMEROY, D. D., died suddenly in Sunderland, Mass., at the residence of his brother, March 17, 1869, aged 70.

Born in Warwick, Mass, March 4, 1799. Graduated Brown University, 1820; Andover Theological Seminary, 1824; licensed to preach by the North Association of New Haven, Conn., August 17, 1824. Ordained First church, Bangor, August 31, 1825; dismissed, October 5, 1848. Secretary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, from September, 1848; resigned, November, 1859. For eight years resided chiefly in Portland. From October, 1866 to 1868, clerk in the "Department of State," Washington, D. C., and supplying the colored Presbyterian church in that city. Trustee in Bangor Theological Seminary, from 1825 to 1849. Sketch by Rev. David Peck, in Congregationalist and Recorder, March 25, 1869; by Dr. D. S. Talcott, Christian Mirror, March 30. Funeral services at Sunderland, Mass., March 18. The remains were deposited at Mt. Hope, Bangor, among his relatives and friends; previous to which, services were held in the First Parish church, March 25, in charge of Professors Herrick and Barbour, who were supplying the pulpit. Reported in Bangor Whig, March 26.

WILLIAM JAMES BREED died in West Taunton, Mass., of dropsy in the chest, April 12, 1869, aged 60.

Mr. B. was born in Lynn, Mass., June 10, 1809; son of William and Mary (Denison) Breed. Graduate of Yale College, 1831; Andover Theological Seminary, 1834. Ordained in Nantucket, June 10, 1835, remaining until 1839; agent of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions one year, 1840; installed pastor, Bucksport, Me., Dec. 9, 1841; dismissed Nov. 5, 1845; First Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, for a brief period; installed in church in Providence, R. I., 1846, remaining until May, 1852; financial agent Yale College, 1853 to 1858; pastor in Southboro, Mass., 1858 to 1863.

A minute adopted by the Taunton Association, Mass. (Congregationalist and Recorder, April 22), speaks of him as an earnest and faithful minister, and pastor; a bold champion of the truth; a consecrated servant of Christ. Obituary record of graduates, Yale College, 1869, p. 315. (See p. 12, Minutes.)

Rev. CHARLES SOULE died in Portland, Me., May 31, aged 75 years.

Mr. Soule was born in Freeport, Me., Aug. 29, 1794. His preliminary education was *pursued in* Exeter Academy (N. H.). Taught in Portland Academy one year.

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Churches.—1869, May 2.—Ministers.							Ch. Mem., May 2, 1869.				Admitted.—1868.				Removed.				Baptized.		
Place and Name.	*Organized.*	*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Ins. or S. S.*	*M A*	*P. A*	*Mle*	*Fml*	*Tot*	*Abs*	*Prf*	*Let.*	*Tot.*	*Dth*	*Dis.*	*Ex*	*Tot.*	*Adl*	*Inf.*	*S.Sch.*	*Contrib.*
Auburn	1826, Feb. 8	George Harris, jr.	Pastor elect	1869	..	..	86	171	257	0	0	6	6	5	5	0	10	0	0	300	$ 318
Auburn, West	1844, May 30	Alpha Morton, s.s.	1844, Feb. 13	1863, Apr. 2	25	..	68	87	155	61	0	0	0	5	3	1	9	0	0	90	170
Baldwin	1821, May 16	Vacant.	No ordinan.	As last year.	..	..	4	11	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	00
Brunswick	1747, June	George E. Adams.	1829, Feb. 25	1829, Dec. 30	40	40	81	202	283	95	0	1	1	4	1	0	5	0	0	216	650
Cape Elizabeth	1734, Sept. 10	Henry M. Vaill, s.s.	1861, Aug. 14	1865, May 21	8	..	6	29	35	1	6	2	8	0	0	0	0	4	0	100	80
Cumberland	1793, Sept. 15	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	47	115	162	10	4	2	6	3	0	0	3	1	0	100	150
Durham	1796, Mar. 9	Walter H. Ayers, s.s.	.....	1869.	..	..	12	28	40	7	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	50	12
Falmouth, 1st	1754.	John C. Adams, s.s.	1851, Aug. 19	1859, Feb. 13	18	..	32	94	126	0	0	2	2	2	4	0	6	0	0	175	40
Falmouth, 2d	1830, Sept. 15	Wm. H. Haskell, s.s.	1863, Mar. 17	1869, Jan. 1	6	..	28	70	98	34	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	50	36
Freeport	1789, Dec. 21	Benj. T. Sanborn, s.s.	1864, Feb. 4	1865, May 20	5	..	35	108	143	16	3	0	3	4	2	0	6	3	0	90	104
Freeport, South	1857, July 9	Horatio Ilsley, s.s.	1837, Oct. 26	1868, Apr. 18	32	..	34	72	106	20	27	2	29	3	0	2	5	25	0	90	200
Gorham	1750, April 4	Charles C. Parker.	1848, Oct. 4	1868, Aug. 19	21	1	58	175	233	52	0	13	13	3	3	0	6	0	1	175	520
Gray	1803, Oct. 2	Ebenezer Bean.	1862, Mar. 25	1863, Jan. 1	7	6	25	45	70	0	2	4	6	1	0	0	1	0	0	75	50
Harpswell	1753.	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	16	47	63	17	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	25	10
Lewiston, Pine-street	1854, Aug. 8	Uriah Balkam.	1841, Jun. 15	1856, Jan. 30	28	13	89	231	320	30	13	12	25	3	14	1	18	8	1	362	729
Mechanic Falls	1840, June 15	H. Whitcher, s.s.	.....	1868.	..	..	9	16	25	6	2	0	2	1	2	0	3	1	0	50	40
Minot	1791, Sept. 8	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	39	86	125	7	4	0	4	4	0	0	4	4	0	50	140
Minot, W. & Hebron	1802, Oct. 8	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	19	29	48	2	0	0	0	0	7	0	7	0	0	00	00
New Gloucester	1765, Jan. 16	Wellington R. Cross.	1865, Sept. 7	1865, Sep. 7	4	4	61	116	177	22	0	0	0	2	2	1	5	0	0	175	284
North Yarmouth	1806, Oct. 1	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	53	75	128	12	4	0	4	2	1	0	3	4	8	96	270
Poland	1825, Nov. 2	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	3	12	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	5
Portland: Second Parish	1787, Nov. 30	John J. Carruthers.	1819, Jun. 8	1846, Aug. 9	50	23	77	282	359	33	3	14	17	3	3	0	6	8	0	250	350
Portland: Third Parish	1825, Sept. 29	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	54	152	206	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	00	200
Portland: High-street	1831, Sept. 9	William H. Fenn.	1859, Feb. 20	1866, July 25	10	3	102	251	353	95	1	6	7	5	7	0	12	0	0	317	3,288
Portland: Fourth (colored)	1835, Aug. 7	J.W.C. Pennington, s.s.	1838, May 12	1866, Dec. 2	31	..	4	9	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	00
Portland: Bethel	1840, Sept. 24	Francis Southworth.	1857, Oct. 28	1866, Jun. 11	12	3	61	66	127	30	39	3	42	0	0	1	1	14	13	175	20
Portland: State-street	1852, Mar. 17	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	94	241	335	30	0	4	4	0	12	0	12	0	0	420	1,435
Portland: Central	1856, Jan. 24	Benson M. Frink.	1862, Jan. 9	1868, Apr. 9	7	1	87	190	277	25	10	10	20	3	7	0	10	7	2	229	468
Portland: St. Lawrence-street	1858, Feb. 19	Rufus K. Harlow, s.s.	1868, Oct. 15	1868, Oct. 15	1	.	34	89	123	36	13	6	19	0	2	0	2	8	0	260	127
Portland: West Con. Chapel	1862, Sept. 17	Geo. A. Tewksbury.	1863, Dec. 21	1863, Dec. 21	15	5	17	42	59	8	4	4	8	4	0	0	4	4	2	200	40
Pownal	1811, Mar. 20	Charles L. Nichols.	1861, Nov. 7	1866, Jun. 5	8	3	26	57	83	9	0	0	0	1	5	0	6	0	0	75	50
Scarborough	1728, June 26	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	24	44	68	21	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	60	2,030
Standish	1834, Feb. 5	Samuel Hopkins, s.s.	1831, Oct. 26	1866, Mar. 1	38	..	5	46	51	18	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	46
Westbrook, 1st	1765, April 8	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	8	16	24	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	105	25
Westbrook, 2d	1832, Jan. 17	Edward P. Thwing, s.s.	1858, Sep. 22	1869, June.	11	..	40	73	113	6	4	0	4	2	1	0	3	3	6	151	255
Windham	1743, Dec. 14	Luther Wiswall.	1837, Aug. 12	1854, Sep. 20	32	14	9	45	54	12	4	0	4	1	0	0	1	3	0	92	35
Yarmouth, 1st	1730, Nov. 18	George A. Putnam.	1869, Nov. 14	1860, Nov. 14	9	9	55	139	194	12	13	2	15	2	1	0	3	10	3	175	633
Yarmouth, Central	1859, Apr 27	Jacob J. Abbott.	1845, Aug. 27	1865, Oct. 19	24	4	20	55	75	10	1	0	1	2	1	0	3	c	3	100	243
Thirty-eight.		*14 Past., 11 S. S.=25.*	*Av. Min'l $*	*Past'l age.*	19	9	1522	3616	5138	738	157	94	251	77	83	6	166	107	41	4848	$ 13,053

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SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, held in Patten, Sept. 19, 20, 1868. Dea. D. N. Rogers, of Patten, *Moderator*.—Sermons by Rev. S. P. Fay of Bangor, Rev. S. H. Merrill of Portland, Rev. H. A. Shorey of Oldtown, and Rev. J. U. Parsons of Acton. Opening sermon, by Rev. Edward R. Osgood of Houlton, on the worth of the Church. Conference sermon, by Rev. Franklin D. Austin, Matt. 26: 13,—The qualities of a precious act. Topics for discussion: What are the elements of a successful church; the eternal necessities—the necessity of God's word; individual effort; the revival element. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper, administered by Rev. S. P. Fay and Rev. John U. Parsons. Some of the brethren and sisters came eighty miles, others forty,—taking from four to six days to attend the feast.

The TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING was held in Lincoln, June 19, 20, 1869. Dea. Cyrus H. Chase, *Moderator*. Sermons, by Rev. Messrs. William T. Sleeper, Edward R. Osgood.—Text, "They made light of it;" Franklin D. Austin.—Theme, Christian activity. Topics for discussion: How shall a better attendance upon public worship be secured? The Sabbath School.

A new Congregational church formed in Caribou, July 18, comprising ten members: five received by letter, five by profession. Services conducted by Rev. Franklin D. Austin, missionary in the field, and Rev. William T. Sleeper, who gave the right hand of fellowship.

Rev. Stephen Thurston, Secretary Maine Missionary Society, and Rev. William Warren, District Secretary American Board C. F. M., visited the churches and people in October, 1868. [Continued on page 51.]

CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, Tuesday, before second Wednesday in June.—Organized in Gorham, Dec. 24, 1822.—Semi-Annual Meeting, Tuesday, before second Wednesday in January.

Churches.—1869, May 2.—Ministers.							Ch. Mem., May 2, 1869.				Admitted.—1868.—Removed.						Baptized.				
Place and Name.	*Organized.*	*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Ins. or S. S.*	*M.A*	*P.A*	*Mle*	*Fml*	*Tot*	*Abs*	*Prf*	*Let.*	*Tot.*	*Dth*	*Dis.*	*Ex*	*Tot.*	*Adl*	*Inf*	*S.Sch.*	*Contrib.*
Auburn	1826, Feb. 8	George Harris, jr.	Pastor elect	1869	..	..	86	171	257	0	0	6	6	5	5	0	10	0	0	300	$ 318
Auburn, West	1844, May 30	Alpha Morton, s.s.	1844, Feb. 13	1863, Apr. 2	25	..	68	87	155	61	0	0	0	5	3	1	9	0	0	90	170
Baldwin	1821, May 16	Vacant.	No ordinan.	As last year.	..	..	4	11	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	00
Brunswick	1747, June	George E. Adams.	1829, Feb. 25	1829, Dec. 30	40	40	81	202	283	95	0	1	1	4	1	0	5	0	0	216	650
Cape Elizabeth	1734, Sept. 10	Henry M. Vaill, s.s.	1861, Aug. 14	1865, May 21	8	..	6	29	35	1	6	2	8	0	0	0	0	4	0	100	80
Cumberland	1793, Sept. 15	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	47	115	162	10	4	2	6	3	0	0	3	1	0	100	150
Durham	1796, Mar. 9	Walter H. Ayers, s.s.	.....	1869.	..	..	12	28	40	7	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	50	12
Falmouth, 1st	1754.	John C. Adams, s.s.	1851, Aug. 19	1859, Feb. 13	18	..	32	94	126	0	0	2	2	2	4	0	6	0	0	175	40
Falmouth, 2d	1830, Sept. 15	Wm. H. Haskell, s.s.	1863, Mar. 17	1869, Jan. 1	6	..	28	70	98	34	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	50	36
Freeport	1789, Dec. 21	Benj. T. Sanborn, s.s.	1864, Feb. 4	1865, May 20	5	..	35	108	143	16	3	0	3	4	2	0	6	3	0	90	104
Freeport, South	1857, July 9	Horatio Isley, s.s.	1837, Oct. 26	1868, Apr. 18	32	..	34	72	106	20	27	2	29	3	0	2	5	25	0	60	200
Gorham	1750, April 4	Charles C. Parker.	1848, Oct. 4	1868, Aug. 19	21	1	58	175	233	52	0	13	13	3	3	0	6	0	1	175	520
Gray	1803, Oct. 2	Ebenezer Bean.	1862, Mar. 25	1863, Jan. 1	7	6	25	45	70	0	2	4	6	1	0	0	1	0	0	75	50
Harpswell	1753.	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	16	47	63	17	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	25	10
Lewiston, Pine-street	1854, Aug. 8	Uriah Balkam.	1841, Jan. 15	1856, Jan. 30	28	13	89	231	320	30	13	12	25	3	14	1	18	8	1	362	729
Mechanic Falls	1840, June 15	H. Whitcher, s.s.	.....	1868.	..	..	9	16	25	6	2	0	2	1	2	0	3	1	0	50	40
Minot	1791, Sept. 8	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	39	86	125	7	4	0	4	4	0	0	4	4	0	50	140
Minot, W. & Hebron	1802, Oct. 8	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	19	29	48	2	0	0	0	7	0	0	7	0	0	00	00
New Gloucester	1765, Jan. 16	Wellington R. Cross.	1865, Sept. 7	1865, Sep. 7	4	4	61	116	177	22	0	0	0	2	2	1	5	0	0	175	284
North Yarmouth	1806, Oct. 1	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	53	75	128	12	4	0	4	2	1	0	3	4	8	96	270
Poland	1825, Nov. 2	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	3	12	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	5
Portland. Second Parish	1787, Nov. 30	John J. Carruthers.	1819, Jun. 8	1846, Aug. 9	50	23	77	282	359	33	3	14	17	3	3	0	6	8	0	250	350
Portland. Third Parish	1825, Sept. 29	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	54	152	206	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	80	200
Portland. High-street	1831, Sept. 9	William H. Fenn.	1859, Feb. 20	1866, July 25	10	3	102	251	353	95	1	6	7	5	7	0	12	0	0	317	3,288
Portland. Fourth (colored)	1835, Aug. 7	J.W.C.Pennington, s.s.	1838, May 12	1866, Dec. 2	31	..	4	9	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	00
Portland. Bethel	1840, Sept. 24	Francis Southworth.	1857, Oct. 28	1866, Jun. 11	12	3	61	66	127	30	39	3	42	0	0	1	1	14	13	175	20
Portland. State-street	1852, Mar. 17	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	94	241	335	30	0	4	4	0	12	0	12	0	0	420	1,435
Portland. Central	1856, Jan. 24	Benson M. Frink.	1862, Jan. 9	1868, Apr. 9	7	1	87	190	277	25	10	10	20	3	7	0	10	7	2	220	468
Portland. St. Lawrence-street	1858, Feb. 19	Rufus K. Harlow, s.s.	1868, Oct. 15	1868, Oct. 15	1	.	34	89	123	36	13	6	19	0	2	0	2	8	0	260	127
Portland. West Con.Chapel	1862, Sept. 17	Geo. A. Tewksbury.	1863, Dec. 21	1863, Dec. 21	15	5	17	42	59	8	4	4	8	4	0	0	4	4	2	200	40
Pownal	1811, Mar. 20	Charles L. Nichols.	1861, Nov. 7	1866, Jun. 5	8	3	26	57	83	9	0	0	0	1	5	0	6	0	0	75	50
Scarborough	1728, June 26	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	24	44	68	21	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	60	2,030
Standish	1834, Feb. 5	Samuel Hopkins, s.s.	1831, Oct. 26	1866, Mar. 1	38	..	5	46	51	18	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	40
Westbrook, 1st	1765, April 8	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	8	16	24	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	105	25
Westbrook, 2d	1832, Jan. 17	Edward P. Thwing, s.s.	1858, Sep. 22	1869, June.	11	..	40	73	113	6	4	0	4	2	1	0	3	3	6	151	255
Windham	1743, Dec. 14	Luther Wiswall.	1837, Aug. 12	1854, Sep. 20	32	14	9	45	54	12	4	0	4	1	0	0	1	3	0	92	35
Yarmouth, 1st	1730, Nov. 18	George A. Putnam.	1869, Nov. 14	1869, Nov. 14	9	9	55	139	194	12	13	2	15	2	1	0	3	10	3	175	633
Yarmouth, Central	1859, Apr. 27	Jacob J. Abbott.	1845, Aug. 27	1845, Oct. 19	24	4	20	55	75	10	1	0	1	2	1	0	3	C	3	100	243
Thirty-eight.		*14 Past., 11 S. S.=25.*	*Av. Min'l &*	*Past'l age.*	19	9	1522	3616	5138	738	157	94	251	77	83	6	166	107	41	4848	$ 13,063

Average age Stated Supply, 4 years.

MINISTERS WITHOUT PASTORAL CHARGE.

NAMES.	ORDAINED.	RESIDENCE.	Minist'l age.
SILAS BAKER	1831, Dec.	Standish	38
SAMUEL HARRIS, President of Bowdoin College	1841, Dec. 22	Brunswick	28
SAMUEL H. MERRILL, Agent American Bible Society	1831, Feb. 22	Portland	38
JOHN H. MORDOUGH	1836, May 18	Gorham	33
ALPHEUS S. PACKARD, Professor in Bowdoin College	1850, May 16	Brunswick	19
EDWARD N. PACKARD, *Licentiate*	1866, May 1	Brunswick	
JAMES M. PALMER	1854, May 23	Portland	15
GEORGE A. PERKINS, family school for boys	1854, May 26	Gorham	15
JOHN M. PUTNAM	1820, Dec. 13	Yarmouth	49
JOHN S. SEWALL, Professor in Bowdoin College	1859, Apr. 20	Brunswick	10
JOTHAM B. SEWALL, Professor in Bowdoin College	1855, Feb. 28	Brunswick	14
NATHAN W. SHELDON	1824, June 2	Natick, Mass.	45
DAVID SHEPLEY	1829, Feb. 18	Yarmouth	40
RICHARD C. STANLEY, *Licentiate*		Lewiston	
HENRY G. STORER	1850, Mar. 30	Oak Hill	19
AMORY H. TYLER	1855, June 6	Falmouth	14
WILLIAM WARREN, District Secretary A. B. C. F. M.	1840, Feb. 13	Gorham	29
ISAAC WESTON	1818, June 10	Cumberland Center	51
JAMES WESTON	1824, Feb. 17	Standish	45
ELIPHALET WHITTLESEY	1851, Oct. 1	Washington, D.C.	18

Average Ministerial age of the above twenty, 26 years.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING held with High-street church, Portland, January 19, 20, 1869. Rev. George E. Adams, of Brunswick, *Moderator*. Opening sermon, Rev. Samuel Hopkins, of Standish, Acts 6: 2-4,—The ministry of the Word. Conference sermon, Rev. Samuel Harris, President Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Luke 6: 12, on prayer. Topics for remark: 1. The administrative talent, the complement of the preaching talent. 2. The Biblical authority for the existence and functions of a pastor and leader. 3. The power to enlist the confidence of the church, the call to leadership. 4. The power of a minister to lead a church depends upon the degree of his union with it. 5. What is the best course of effort for the promotion of religion,—the indications of promise and the signs of the times. 6. Prayer-meetings. The cause of Foreign and Home Missions; the Bible Society; American and Foreign Christian Union; Temperance,—were presented by their several representatives. The Lord's Supper, administered by Rev. John W. Chickering, of Boston, Mass., and Rev. Charles C. Parker, of Gorham.

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING, with Second Church, Falmouth, June 8, 9. Opening sermon, Rev. Charles C. Parker, of Gorham. Romans 8: 32. Conference sermon, Rev. George A. Putnam, of Yarmouth. Topics discussed: I. How shall we meet the floods of error, skepticism, infidelity, etc. 1. Know the truth. 2. Teach it. 3. Teach it in love. 4. Live it. II. A deeper work of grace in the churches. III. Spiritual keeping of the Christian Sabbath. IV. Every Christian a worker for Christ. V. The salvation of the soul the central idea of Sunday School instruction. A minute was adopted to the memory of Rev. Elijah Jones. Closed with the administration of the Lord's Supper.

Rev. CHARLES CARROLL PARKER (University of Vermont, 1841—Union Theological Seminary), was installed Pastor Congregational Church, Gorham, August 19, 1868. *Moderator of the Council*, Rev. John J. Carruthers, of Portland. *Scribe*, Rev. Samuel Hopkins, of Standish. Invocation and Reading of Scriptures, Rev. Thomas S. Roble, of Salmon Falls, N. H.; Prayer, Rev. Joseph H. Meyers; Sermon, Rev. Alonzo B. Rich, of Beverly, Mass., Hebrews 2: 10; Installing Prayer, Rev. Joseph Danielson, of First Church, Westbrook; Address to People, by the Scribe; Concluding Prayer, Rev. George Lewis, of Gorham.

RUFUS KENDRICK HARLOW (Amherst College, 1865—Bangor Seminary, 1868), acting Pastor of St. Lawrence Street Church, Portland, ordained as Evangelist, October 15, 1868, in Central Church, Middleboro', Mass. Introductory services and right hand of fellowship, Rev. Stephen G. Dodd, of Middleboro'; Sermon, Rev. Orpheus T. Lanphear, of Beverly, Mass.; Ordaining Prayer, Rev. Rufus M. Sawyer, Middleboro'; Charge, Rev. James W. Ward, Lakeville, Mass. (His classmate in College and Seminary, William F. Ober, was ordained at the same time.) Mr. Harlow commenced his labors in St. Lawrence Street Church, October 18, 1868.

Rev. EDWARD PAYSON THWING accepts a call to Second Church, Westbrook (Saccarappa). Inaugural discourse delivered June 13, 1869.

GEORGE HARRIS, jr., of the graduating class, Andover, 1869, accepts a call to Auburn. Ordination, October 6.

Rev. STEPHEN C. STRONG, dismissed from Congregational Church, Gorham, where he had been

Pastor since February 15, 1860, by same council which installed his successor, Rev. C. C. Parker, August 19, 1868.

Rev. JOHN W. C. PENNINGTON, of Fourth Church, Portland, going South to labor.

Rev. HENRY LEWIS HALL, resigned February 14, 1869, the pastorate in Auburn, on account of ill health. The church and society requested him to withdraw his resignation, giving him a release of three months; he consents, but subsequently renews his request. A Council met March 24, and dissolved the connection. Rev. U. Balkam, of Lewiston, *Moderator of Council;* Rev. F. W. Dickinson, of Turner, *Scribe.*

Rev. JOSEPH DANIELSON resigns the charge of the Second Church, Westbrook, March 23. Rev. Luther Wiswall, of Windham, *Moderator of Council;* Rev. James M. Palmer, of Portland, *Scribe.* Rev. NATHAN F. CARTER, of North Yarmouth Church, March, 1869. Rev. EBENEZER S. JORDAN, of church in Cumberland Center, May, 1869, on account of his health.

Rev. EDWARD C. MILES, of Second Church, Falmouth, called to be Assistant Secretary to Rev. George W. Wood, Secretary American Board C. F. M., New York, May, 1869.

Rev. BENSON M. FRINK, resigns the pastorate of Central Church, Portland, July, 1869.

Rev. SAMUEL MORRISON, formerly of St. Lawrence street church, Portland, has, on account of his health, been obliged to leave the charge of the church in Prescott, Wisconsin, and is endeavoring to cultivate a farm in the neighborhood, April, 1869.

Rev. GEORGE A. TEWKSBURY, Portland, declines a call to South Dennis, Mass., Sept., 1868.

Rev. EBENEZER BEAN, of Gray, declines a call to Camden, December, 1868.

Rev. EDWARD CHASE, supplying Williston Chapel, Portland, October, 1868, called January, 1869, to Bedford, Mass. Accepts, and installed pastor February 17, 1869.

Rev. BENJAMIN SAWYER, pastor of Cape Elizabeth church, 1809 to 1813, observed his golden wedding in January, 1869, at Salisbury, Mass., where he has been acting pastor.

Rev. J. B. EARLE, Evangelist, preached in Lewiston March, 1869.

By the death of Rev. Elijah Jones, of Minot, Rev. George E. Adams, of Brunswick, becomes the oldest settled pastor in the State. Ordained February 25, 1829.

State Street Church, Portland, has been supplied during the year by the Professors in Bangor Seminary, among others; two of their former pastors have also preached.—Rev. George Leon Walker, now of New Haven, and Rev. H. S. Carpenter, of Brooklyn, New York.—Rev. John W. Chickering, of Boston, supplied at High Street Church, Portland, his former pastorate, January, 1869.—The Third Church, Portland, resumed public worship in the hall of the Young Men's Christian Association, April, 1869. They have voted to sell the land on which their church edifice, which was burned, was built.

Considerable interest in Sabbath school at St. Lawrence Street Church—one hundred attended a prayer-meeting at superintendent's house, August, 1868. Fourteen added to church January 1, 1869. Religious interest in South Freeport and Windham. Reports published in January and February, 1869; also in Falmouth First Church, May, 1869.

The Lagonia Welch Congregational Church, formed March 21, 1869, in Cape Elizabeth, was received to Cumberland Conference, June 8. Rev. Daniel A. Evans was expected to be their pastor.

MEETING-HOUSES.—South Freeport. This has been newly painted, and a bell weighing 1000 pounds, weekly rings its clear and musical notes, inviting the people to worship. August, 1868.

PORTLAND.—High Street Church, damaged by fire, the work of an incendiary, February 2, 1869. Damage, $5000. House to be remodeled and rebuilt during the absence of the pastor in Europe. There will be an entire change in front, which is to be of the Gothic order, with an extension of twelve feet towards the front; it will have a small tower on each end, and a large and imposing one in the center, 148 feet high. The pews, and all inside finish, are to be of black ash. The whole expense, $30,000; corner stone laid July 17, 1868. Lecture Room of the Payson Memorial church dedicated April 15, 1869. Invocation and reading Hymn, Rev. Edward P. Thwing, of Boston; Report of Building Committee, Dea. Samuel W. Larrabee; Prayer, Rev. George A. Tewksbury, of Portland; Singing; Sermon, Rev. John J. Carruthers, the pastor, John 4: 24,—God is a spirit, etc.; Dedicatory prayer by the pastor; Hymn, "I love thy kingdom."

CUMBERLAND MILLS.—Dedicated July 8, 1869. Sermon by Rev. Elnathan E. Strong, of Waltham, Mass.; Dedicatory Prayer, Rev. John J. Carruthers, of Portland. Rev. Elijah Kellogg, of Boston, supplies the pulpit.

GORHAM.—The church edifice furnished with a town clock.

Temperance meetings have been held in different parts of the county during the year.

Rev. William H. Haskell, of Woodford's Corner, Westbrook, *Scribe of Conference;* Rev. Horatio Ilsley, of South Freeport, *Register;* Dea. Samuel W. Larrabee, of Portland, *Treasurer.* Next meeting with Central church, Portland, January 11, 12, 1870.

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION formed in Westbrook, May 28, 1788. Annual meeting, second Tuesday of February; other meetings, on the second Tuesday of May, August, and November. Rev. Ebenezer Bean, of Gray, *Scribe.*

...e and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Ins. or S. S.	M.A.	P.A.	Male	Fem.	Tot	Abs	Prf	Let.	Tot	Dth	Dis	Ex.	Tot	Adl	Inf.	S. Sch	Cont.
...rville	1790, Feb. 25	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	7	13	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	$ 00
...ngton	1814, Dec. 14	Rowland B. Howard.	1860, Oct. 11	1860, Oct. 11	9	9	64	146	210	10	6	11	17	4	7	1	12	2	0	207	523
...gton Falls	1859, Mar. 3	Isaac Rogers, s.s. ½	1826, Mar. 8	1865, Nov. 1	43	..	3	9	12	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	20
...ry	1808, July 4	Stephen Titcomb, s.s	1855, June 6	1868, Dec. 1	14	..	22	19	41	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	30
...haron	1802, Jan. 21	Horace Toothaker.	1861, Sept. 5	1864, Oct. 19	8	5	51	87	138	26	4	0	4	1	8	0	9	4	1	85	35
...Vineyard	1828, Sept. 3	Walter H. Ayers, s.s.	.....	1869, May 18	..	..	11	15	26	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	15
...ps	1822, Oct. 9	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	12	15	27	14	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	40	12
...ng	1810, Mar. 3	J. Loring Pratt, s.s.	1867, Nov. 7	1866, Oct. 1	2	..	45	60	105	38	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	125	100
Temple	1805, Sept. 19	Simeon Hackett, s.s.	1830, July 7	1851, June 1	39	..	19	41	60	8	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	80	20
Weld	1809, Aug. 17	Abram Maxwell, s.s.	1866, Aub. 30	1868, July 1	3	..	26	32	58	5	0	6	6	0	3	0	3	0	4	85	55
Wilton	1818, Feb. 19	Jonas Burnham, s.s.	1858, July 28	1866, Apr. 22	11	..	38	53	91	25	1	5	6	0	1	0	1	0	1	85	100
Eleven.		*2 Pastors, 7 S. S.=9.*	*Av. Min'l §*	*Pastoral age*	16	7	298	490	788	155	13	22	35	6	22	1	29	9	6	827	$ 910

Average age Stated Supply, 5 years.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Rev. Stephen Titcomb, Farmington, ordained June 6, 1855.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL MEETING, in New Sharon, June 8, 9, 1869. A. F. Holt, of New Sharon, *Moderator*. Opening sermon, Rev. Simeon Hackett, Phil. 2: 15,—"That ye be blameless and harmless, the sons of God." Conference sermon, Rev. Rowland B. Howard, Acts 7: 51,—"Ye do always resist the Holy Ghost." Questions for discussion: How to keep the heart; How to carry the Gospel to every person in our various localities; How may the policy of the Maine Missionary Society be improved and its work made more successful; Temperance; Freedmen; Foreign Missions. The Conference commended the Union Sabbath School County Convention to the confidence and attendance of all Sunday School teachers and friends; expressed sympathy for the church in Wilton in the loss of their meeting-house, and commending them as worthy the help of the sister churches. Report of the churches, by Rev. J. Loring Pratt. Farmington church received seventeen members. Rev. Isaac Weston, of Cumberland Conference, and Rev. Simeon Hackett, of Temple, conducted the services at the Lord's table.

Rev. Cyrus Hamlin, who supplied in Weld, 1867, ordained pastor in Bellow's Falls, Vt., October 29, 1868.—Rev. Rufus Emerson, in Wilton, 1862-3, called to Lynn, Mass., November, 1868.—Rev. Isaac Rogers, of Farmington, supplying the church in Enfield, N. H., for a time, May, 1869.—Walter M. Ayers, of Union Theological Seminary, supplying New Vineyard, from May 16, 1869.

New church organized in North New Portland, May 27, 1869,—nine by letter, four on profession, thirteen members. *Moderator of Council*, Rev. Thomas G. Mitchell, of Madison; *Scribe*, Rev. Rowland B. Howard, of Farmington. Introductory services, Walter H. Ayers, of New Vineyard; Sermon, by the Scribe; Reading Articles of Faith, Baptism, and Consecrating prayer, Rev. Alexander R. Plumer, of Athens; Fellowship of the Churches, by the Moderator; Address to the Church, Rev. J. Loring Pratt, of Strong; Lord's Supper administered by the Moderator and Rev. A. R. Plumer. This is the out-post Congregational church at the north, looking toward Canada.

A new and beautiful house of worship in North New Portland was dedicated January 10, 1869. Sermon, by Rev. Rowland B. Howard, of Farmington. Rev. A. R. Plumer supplies here part of the time.

The roof of the meeting house in Wilton fell through, from the weight of snow upon it,—destroying the interior. March, 1869. Re-building.

The people of Weld are subscribing for a new house of worship, and receiving help from the churches. May, 1869.

The Franklin County Sabbath School Convention held in New Sharon, October 27, 28, 1869. Tuesday evening, Oct. 27, was devoted to the wants and work of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Dea. C. D. Sewall, of Farmington, *Scribe of Conference*; Rev. J. Loring Pratt, of Strong, *Reporter*; Dea. John Titcomb, of Farmington, *Treasurer*. Next meeting in Wilton, June 7, 8, 1870.

FRANKLIN COUNTY (UNION) ASSOCIATION, organized March 1, 1864,- meets on the first Tuesday in January, and each alternate month succeeding. It embraces ministers of all the Evangelical denominations in the county. Rev. Rowland B. Howard, of Farmington, *Scribe*.

HANCOCK CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, second Tuesday in June.--Organized in Bucksport, May 10, 1825.—Semi-Annual Meeting in October.

Churches.——1869, May 2.——Ministers. Ch. Mem., May 2, 1869. Admitted.—1868.—Removed. Baptized.

Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Inst. or S. S.	M.A.	P.A.	Male	Fem.	Tot	Abs	Prf	Let.	Tot	Dth	Dis	Ex.	Tot	Adl	Inf	S.Sch	Cont.
Amherst and Aurora...	1830, Sept. 14	Henry S. Loring, s.s.	1850, June 20	1867, Nov. 24	19	..	11	16	27	6	4	0	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	85	$ 50
Bluehill.....	1772, Oct. 7	John W. Savage, s.s.	Licentiate.	1869, April 4	..	..	30	82	112	25	0	1	1	2	4	0	6	0	0	80	24
Brooksville, West.....	1826, Jan. 4	Nath'l Richardson,ss	1838, Aug. 8	1869, April 10	31	..	25	60	85	10	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	0	90	20
Bucksport.....	1803, May 12	Supplied from Semin ary.		.....	..	..	31	87	118	26	0	0	0	6	1	0	7	0	0	160	500
Castine.....	1820, July 27	Alfred E. Ives.	1838, Sept. 25	1855, June 20	31	14	20	70	90	9	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	3	122	377
Deer Isle, 1st.....	1773, Aug. 1	Hiram Houston, s.s.	1850, Sept. 25	1868, April 5	18	..	61	124	185	15	2	6	2	2	0	0	2	1	1	183	67
Deer Isle, 2d.....	1858, Dec. 1	Henry B. Hart, s.s.	Licentiate.	1868, Dec. 25	..	..	19	23	42	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	20
Ellsworth.....	1812, Sept. 8	Sewall Tenney.	1831, Aug. 10	1835, Nov. 11	38	34	24	85	109	27	4	2	6	1	2	0	3	1	2	145	150
Isle au Haut (Evangel.).	1857, May 7	Jonas Hallowell, s.s.	Bapt. Min.	1869,	..	..	3	12	15	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	00
Orland.....	1850, Sept. 25	Supplied from Semin ary.		.....	..	..	15	55	70	9	4	2	6	0	1	0	1	4	4	125	432
Sedgwick & Brooksville	1793, July 8	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	12	18	30	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	00
Sedgwick Village.....	1847, Oct. 28	No ordinances.	.....	....	..	..	8	10	18	5	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	00	00
Tremont and Mt. Desert	1722, Oct. 17	C. Merrill, s.s.	Licentiate.	1869.	..	..	34	78	112	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	00
Thirteen.		*2 Past., 7 S.S.=9.*	*Av. Min'l &*	*Pastoral age*	27	24	293	720	1013	180	15	5	20	17	9	0	26	7	10	1115	$1640

Average age Stated Supply, 2 years.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Rev. Charles M. Brown, Mount Desert, ordained in Lempster, N. H., July, 1829; Rev. Alfred L. Skinner (P. M.), Bucksport, ordained January 27, 1864.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING in Brooksville, with the Sedgwick and Brooksville church, January 19, 20, 1869. Opening sermon, Rev. Sewall Tenney, of Ellsworth. Conference sermon, Rev. Hiram Houston, Text, Matt. 28: 20,—"Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo I am with you always unto the end of the world. Amen." Discussion on the responsibility of the ministry and laity, in carrying forward Christ's kingdom. Ordinance of the Lord's Supper observed. In the absence of the Scribe, Thomas E. Hale was chosen Scribe, *pro tem.*

FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING, in Bluehill, June 1, 2, 1869. Rev. Sewell Tenney, of Ellsworth, *Moderator*. Opening sermon, Rev. Henry S. Loring, of Amherst, Luke 2: 35,—Christ, the heart-revealer. Sermon, Tuesday evening, Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine, Psalms, 138: 6,—"They shall sing in the ways of the Lord." Conference sermon, Rev. Henry B. Hart, Rev. 20: 6,—The temporal millenium. Discussions: How shall we secure a greater interest in the meetings of Conference; What are the best means of developing piety in the churches,—by attendance on the prayer-meetings; the exercise of benevolence in giving; the taxing of one's spiritual strength; the sharing in the social meeting. Rev. Messrs. Sewall Tenney and Alfred E. Ives officiated in the administration of the Lord's Supper.

Rev. David S. Hibbard, at Mt. Desert, 1866 to 1868, has left,—at Ossipee, N. H., October, 1868.—Rev. Samuel S. Drake leaves Second church, Deer Isle, for Kittery Point, November, 1868.—Henry B. Hart, a graduate of Bangor Seminary, 1867, to supply the Second church, Deer Isle, Dec., 1868.—Rev. Wm. W. Dow left W. Brooksville, January, 1869,—post-office address, Portsmouth, N. H.—Rev. George N. Marden left Orland, to engage as teacher in Howard University, Washington, D. C., January, 1869.—George W. Kelley, stated supply at Orland, March, 1869.—Mr. John W. Savage, a graduate of Bangor Seminary, 1869, accepts a call to Bluehill, March, 1869.—Rev. George P. Tyler, stated supply in Bucksport, 1868-9, accepts a call to the Olivet church, Lansingburg, N. Y.—E. S. Tingley, licentiate, Bangor Seminary, 1869, stated supply at Brooksville, from Aug. 1, 1869.—C. Merrill, at Tremont and Mt. Desert.—B. F. Leavitt, at Somerville.

Religious interest at Amherst and Aurora, following the week of prayer. Conversions at Castine.

Rev. Henry S. Loring, of Amherst, *Scribe* and *Treasurer of Conference*. Next meeting in Amherst, October 12, 13, 1869.

HANCOCK ASSOCIATION, organized in Sedgwick, September 21, 1797.—meetings, first week in June, and second week in August, November, and February. Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine, *Scribe*.

[illegible]	*Organized.*	*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Inst. or S. S.*	*M.*	*P.*	*Male*	*Fem*	*Tot*	*Abs*	*Prof*	*Let*	*Tot*	*Bapt.*	*Dis*	*Ex*	*Tot*	*Add*	*Inf*	*S. Sch.*	*Cont.*
[illegible]	1784, Oct. 7	Joel F. Bingham.	1856, June 17	1857, Dec. 19	13	2	84	226	310	56	..	..	15	9	8	0	17	3	8	* 732	$1149
[illegible]	1858, July 16	William F. Brown, s.s.	Licentiate.	1869.	..	..	5	21	26	3	3	..	5	0	0	0	0	2	..	75	60
[illegible]	1858, July 15	Prof. S. K. Smith, s.s.	of Colby Uni	1867.	..	..	2	4	6	0	0	..	0	0	0	0	0	0	..	75	5
[illegible]	1835, July 28	Austin L. Park.	1864, Feb. 2	1864, Feb. 2	5	5	34	100	134	19	5	..	15	2	1	0	3	4	..	139	254
[illegible]	1791, Mar. 15	Charles G. McCully.	1869, July 17	1867, Oct. 15	9	2	45	148	193	31	..	6	12	6	10	0	16	7	..	180	858
[illegible]	1811, June 6	Josiah T. Hawes, s.s.	1828, Jan. 23	1865, July 1	41	..	28	36	64	18	0	..	0	2	..	0	2	0	..	170	77
[illegible] South	1863, May 17	Supplied from Bangor	Sem. and Bates College.		..	..	12	20	32	0	..	3	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	75	21
[illegible] son	1812, Nov. 17	David Q. Cushman, s.s.	1838, Feb. 7	1868, July 5	31	..	7	22	29	9	..	0	1	3	0	0	3	1	0	32	60
Richmond	1827, Feb. 8	William C. Curtis, s.s.	1863, Sept. 1	1868, April 19	6	..	15	37	52	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	100	2
Sidney	1829, Feb. 25	Vacant.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Vassalboro'	1818, July 28	Thomas Adams, s.s.	1818, Aug. 26	1864, May 8	51	..	4	52	56	9	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	70	29
Waterville	1828, Aug. 21	Benjamin A. Roble.	1866, Mar. 22	1866, Mar. 22	3	3	39	101	140	19	1	1	2	1	3	0	4	1	..	143	194
Windsor	1829, Aug.	No ordinances.	No report.	As last year.	..	..	3	7	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	..	60	1
Winslow	1828, Aug. 27	John Dinsmore, s.s.	1852, Nov. 18	1862, June 10	17	..	16	69	85	27	3	3	6	1	..	0	1	1	..	† 225	114
Winthrop	1776, Sept. 4	Edward P. Baker. s.s.	1858, Oct. 13	1865, Nov. 1	11	..	57	110	167	0	5	5	10	3	4	0	7	3	0	160	98
Fifteen.		*4 Past., 8 S.S.*	*12.*	*Av. Min'l &*	*Pastoral ag.*		19	3	357	946	1302	225	36	37	73	32	26	0	58	21	11	1276	$2812

Average age Stated Supply, 3 years. * Of which, 300 are in seven Mission schools. † Of which, 125 are in a Union school at North Vassalboro'.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Rev. Wales Lewis, of Pittston, ordained Sept. 27, 1826.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING in Clinton, October 27, 28, 1868. Bro. J. B. Bradbury, of Waterville, *Moderator*. Sermons, Rev. Austin L. Park, Gal. 3: 20,- God is one: Rev. Josiah T. Hawes, 2 Cor. 4: 7,—Treasure in earthen vessels: Rev. Charles G. McCully, John 15: 15,—I have called you friends; Rev. David Q. Cushman, Gal. 6: 14,—God forbid I should glory; Rev. William C. Curtis, 2 Cor. 6: 1,—Receive not the grace of God in vain. Topics for remarks: Value of the gospel to man's temporal and spiritual interests; Duty of the people to support the gospel; Hindrances to the support of the gospel in our smaller communities. Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Benjamin A. Roble, and Rev. Thomas Adams.

FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING in Pittston, June 8, 9, 1869. J. P. Bradbury, of Waterville, *Moderator*. Opening sermon, Rev. Benjamin A. Roble, Matt. 5: 14,- Ye are the light of the world. Sermon, Tuesday evening, Rev. John Dinsmore. Conference sermon, Rev. Joel F. Bingham, Psalm 23: 5,—"Thou preparest a table," etc. Theme: The unpreventable mercies of God, the ground of comfort, and guarantee of glory. Subjects for discussion: 1. The family,- its government, and its instruction. 2. How shall the interests of the Pittston Sabbath School be promoted. 3. How shall we reach the non-church-going population. A committee was appointed to inquire how our churches can be brought to take more interest in the meetings of Conference, and report next meeting, viz.: Rev. Edward P. Baker of Winthrop, Rev. Charles G. McCully of Hallowell, and Dea. M. J. Metcalf of Monmouth. Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Josiah T. Hawes of Litchfield, and Rev. William C. Curtiss of Richmond.

On the 26th day of August, 1868, the semi-centennial anniversary of the settlement of Rev. Thomas Adams was observed at Winslow, by the churches in Vassalboro', Winslow, Waterville, Benton, and Clinton,- the territory then occupied by him. Mr. Adams preached, Acts 26: 22. Rev. Isaac Rogers of Farmington, Rev. A. Drinkwater of Baptist church, Waterville, Rev. Benjamin Tappan of Norridgewock, Rev. Thomas G. Mitchell of Madison, and Rev. John Dinsmore of Winslow, participated in the services. Refreshments provided in a grove.

Afternoon, social union.—Rev. John Dinsmore in the chair. Prayer, Rev. Charles G. McCully: Singing, by a choir: Reading of letters: Original hymn, by Geo. Kent, Esq., of Brunswick, a class-mate of Mr. A.: Addresses by Geo. Kent, Rev. I. Rogers, Rev. B. Tappan, E. J. Peet, Esq. of Norridgewock, Hon. Simon Page of Hallowell, Dea. C. Keith, and A. M. Billings, Esq.: Benediction, by Rev. Daniel M. True of Methodist church, Winslow.

Rev. J. W. Dodge, formerly of Gardiner, installed pastor First church, Yarmouth, Mass., December 30, 1868.

Rev. J. K. Noble, formerly of Winthrop, installed pastor of University Heights church, Cleveland, Ohio June, 1869.

The church in Gardiner raised $2250 for a bell, organ, carpets, etc. for their meeting-house, January, 1869.

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LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, second Tuesday in June.—Organized in Alna, June 8, 1825.—Semi-annual Meeting, usually in October.

Churches.—1869, May 2.—Ministers.							Ch. Mem., May 2, 1869.—Admitted.—1868.—Removed. Baptized.													
Place and Name.	*Organized.*	*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Inst. or S. S.*	*M.A.*	*P.A.*	*Male*	*Fem.*	*Tot*	*Abs*	*Prf*	*Let.*	*Tot*	*Dth*	*Dis*	*Ex.*	*Tot*	*Adl*	*Inf.*	*S.Sch*	*Cont.*
Alna	1796, Sept. 27	Gilbert B. Richardson, s.s. ½	1857, June 30	1866, Aug. 15	12	..	11	45	56	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	60	$ 40
Bath, Winter-st.	1795, Dec. 8	John O. Fiske.	1843, Aug. 17	1843, Aug. 17	26	26	104	250	354	69	3	4	7	7	9	0	16	2	4	314	1974
Bath, Central	1835, July 8	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	56	143	199	41	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	3	150	650
Boothbay, 1st	1766, July 28	Andrew J. Smith, s.s. ½.	1866, Nov. 7	1868.	3	..	14	25	39	4	3	0	3	2	0	0	2	0	0	40	10
Boothbay 2d	1848, Aug. 1	Andrew J. Smith, s.s. ½.	1866, Nov. 7	1868.	..	..	19	30	49	17	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	45
Bremen	1829, Mar. 3	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	3	10	13	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	20	00
Bristol, 1st	1766, Presb. / 1796, Cong'l.	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	10	17	27	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	00	12
Bristol, 2d	1855, Jan. 30	Vacant.	.....?	.....	..	..	7	14	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	17
Edgecomb	1783, June 4	Joseph Loring, s.s.	1833, Sept. 10	1865, Mar. 12	36	..	16	54	70	17	6	1	7	1	4	0	5	6	0	75	89
Lisbon	1839, Dec. 18	Vacant.	When last	reported.	..	..	3	13	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	00
Newcastle, 1st	1799, June 4	Gilbert B. Richardson, s.s.	1857, June 30	1866, Aug. 15	..	..	13	22	35	10	3	2	5	0	0	0	0	3	0	40	25
Newcastle, 2d	1844, May 22	John J. Bulfinch, s.s.	1860, May 23	1862, May 4	9	..	51	114	165	25	4	0	4	4	2	0	6	4	0	140	176
Phipsburg	1765, July 1	James J. Bell, s.s.	1852, June 10	1867, Nov. 29	17	..	37	95	132	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	6	0	0	70	30
Rockland	1838, Mar. 8	Edward F. Cutter, s.s.	1863, May 8	1863, Oct. 25	36	..	7	103	110	33	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	155	136
Thomaston	1809, June 15	Javan K. Mason.	1849, Jan. 18	1864, Dec. 6	20	5	26	109	135	25	0	0	0	3	2	2	7	0	0	222	104
Topsham	1789, Sept. 16	Prof. John S. Sewall, s.s.	1859, April 20	1869.	10	..	30	67	97	17	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	68	91
Union	1803, Mar. 3	Flavius V. Norcross.	1860, Oct. 31	1860, Oct. 31	9	9	19	52	72	9	2	1	3	3	3	0	6	2	0	125	55
Waldoboro', 1st	1807, April 10	Charles Packard.	1846, May 6	1868, June 9	23	1	48	141	189	41	11	2	13	3	2	0	5	1	6	160	172
Waldoboro', 2d	1856, Mar. 4	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	8	12	20	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	00
Warren	1828, Feb. 27	Edwin S. Beard.	1863, April 2	1864, Aug. 16	6	5	47	110	157	33	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	0	106	101
Washington	1817, Aug. 16	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	5	18	23	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	00	12
Wiscasset	1773, Aug. 4	George E. Street.	1864, April 6	1864, April 6	5	5	23	79	102	13	6	2	8	2	3	0	5	5	0	80	176
Woolwich	1765, June 12	Henry O. Thayer, s.s.	1866, July 26	1867, Sept. 15	3	..	30	75	105	6	4	2	6	1	1	0	2	3	1	80	80
Twenty-three.		*6 Past., 8 S. S.=14.*	*Av. Min'l &*	*Pastoral age*	15	8	587	1599	2186	384	44	16	60	37	34	2	73	26	16	2025	$3995

Average age Stated Supply, 4 years.

No report of any Semi-annual meeting.

FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING in Rockland, June 8, 9, 1869. Dea. R. C. Webb, *Moderator.* Conference sermon, Rev. Flavius V. Norcross, Isa. 2: 2–4. Theme: The future glory and prosperity of the church. The question, "How shall we increase our congregations?"—awakened much interest, and the discussion occupied most of the afternoon of Tuesday. Meeting of the Sabbath Schools at six o'clock, Tuesday evening. Addresses by Rev. S. H. Merrill of Portland, Rev. E. S. Beard of Warren, and Hon. Henry Tolman of Bath. Report of the Churches, Wednesday forenoon. Lord's Supper administered by Rev. John J. Bulfinch and Rev. Edwin S. Beard.

Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath, preached a sermon Aug. 16th, commemorative of the twenty-fifth anniversary of his settlement as pastor of Winter-street church, Bath. Rev. Andrew J. Smith, Rockport, dismissed July 27, 1868. (Rev. J. K. Mason, Scribe of Council.) Mr. Smith to supply the churches in Boothbay. Rev. Augustus F. Beard resigned pastorate of Central church, Bath, Dec., 1868. Council ratified it Feb. 3, 1869. He accepts a call to Syracuse, N. Y., May, 1869. Rev. Daniel F. Potter, Topsham, chosen a member of the Maine Legislature, 1869. Appointed Supervisor of Schools in Sagadahoc County, April, 1869. Rev. Edwin B. Palmer, formerly of Newcastle, accepts a call to Second church, Chicopee, Mass., June, 1869.

Meeting-house of the First church, Newcastle, re-constructed and renovated; expense $2500. Dedicated Nov. 24, 1868. Sermon, Rev. George E. Street, of Wiscasset. Meeting-house in Topsham repaired and renovated; re-dedicated Feb. 4, 1869; sermon, Rev. John S. Sewall, who is to supply them for the present. [Cont. on p. 51.]

...nd Name	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Inst. or S. S.	M. A.	P. A.	Male	Fem.	Tot	Abs	Prf	Let	Tot	Dth	Dis	Ex.	Tot	Add	Inf	S. Sch	Cont.
...r.....	1800, Nov. 8	Amasa Loring, s. s.	1842, June 15	1868, Dec. 1	27	..	33	52	85	16	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	85	$ 17
...1st.....	1799, Oct. 7	Eugene H. Titus.	1866, Feb. 15	1868, Mar. 1	3	1	42	86	128	24	1	5	6	2	2	2	6	1	0	105	78
...2d.....	1849, Jan. 31	David Garland.	1849, Aug. 15	1849, Aug. 15	20	20	26	55	81	14	0	0	0	2	6	0	8	0	1	98	132
...d.....	1806, May 8	John Elliot, s. s.	1831, Aug. 2	1867, June 2	38	..	3	17	20	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	6
.....	1818, June 20	Thomas M. May, s.s.	Licentiate.	1869, Aug. 1	..	..	3	13	16	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	5
...n, N. H....	1862, Mar. 18	George F. Tewksbury, s.s.	1838, Jan. 31	1868, Sept. 15	31	..	4	31	35	8	9	1	10	0	0	0	0	6	4	65	40
...y, 1st.....	1804, Oct. 6	Thomas T. Merry.	1864, June 9	1866, Nov. 1	5	3	13	41	54	15	2	2	4	3	0	0	3	2	0	75	15
...y, 2d.....	1853, Jan. 18	Thomas T. Merry.	1864, June 9	1866, Nov. 1	..	..	14	49	63	24	4	2	6	2	4	0	6	3	1	1.2	00
...ford.....	1826, May 31	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	7	32	39	12	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	60	30
Rumford.....	1803, Aug. 5	John Elliot, s. s.	1831, Aug. 2	1859, Dec. 31	..	..	13	18	31	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	40	7
Shelburne, N.H..	1818, Aug. 26	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	00
South Paris.....	1812, Nov. 4	John B. Wheelwright.	1850, Oct. 16	1867, Dec. 4	19	1	56	108	164	32	2	7	9	3	3	0	6	2	0	135	150
Sumner.....	1802, Sept. 9	Henry H. Hutchinson, s.s.	Licentiate.	1868, Aug. 1	..	..	28	62	90	26	0	0	0	3	4	1	8	0	0	70	30
Turner.....	1803, Oct. 18	Ferdinand W. Dickinson.	1868, June 17	1868, May 10	1	1	38	73	111	26	3	7	10	3	2	0	5	3	1	100	65
Upton.....	1862, Mar. 13	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	3	11	14	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	00
Fifteen.		*5 Past., 5 S. S.=10.*	*Av. Min'l &*	*Pastoral age*	18	5	283	651	934	209	22	25	47	23	21	3	47	18	7	1070	$ 575

Average age Stated Supply, 3 years.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Rev. Henry Richardson, Gilead, ordained Nov. 23, 1831; Rev. S. Gerard Norcross, Turner, ordained Oct. 11, 1859.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING in Gorham, N. H., October 20, 21. Dea. Josiah Brown, of Bethel, *Moderator*. Opening sermon, Rev. Eugene H. Titus, Matt. 22: 41,—What think ye of Christ? Rev. Ferdinand W. Dickinson, 2 Cor. 4: 10,—Bearing about in our body the dying of the Lord Jesus. Themes for discussion: 1. The divine authority of the Bible. 2. Responsibility of Christians with reference to the dissemination of the principles of the Bible,—(1) in the application of its principles to family government; (2) to Sabbath Schools; (3) to Temperance; (4) to the community immediately around us; (5) to the world generally. Christians must be true, in thinking and acting. Report of the Churches. Ordinance of the Lord's Supper administered, Rev. John B. Wheelwright and Rev. Thomas T. Merry officiating. The conference was a season of much interest to those present.

FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING with the First church in Bethel, June 1, 2, 1869. Rev. J. B. Wheelwright, *Moderator*. Opening sermon, Rev. J. Elliot. Themes for discussion: Preaching to the young, and prayer-meeting. Tuesday evening. Installation of Rev. E. H. Titus. Wednesday morning, annual meeting of Oxford Conference Bible Society; Report of Sabbath Schools; Report of the state of religion in the churches; Conference meeting. Wednesday afternoon, Conference sermon, Rev. George F. Tewksbury, of Gorham, N. H., Text, 1 Cor. 1: 5. Theme: the spiritual gifts of Christians.

Rev. EUGENE H. TITUS installed as pastor of the First Congregational church, Bethel, June 1, 1869. Introductory services, Rev. George F. Tewksbury, of Oxford; Sermon, Rev. L. Root Eastman, of East Somerville, Mass.; Installing prayer, Rev. John Elliot, of Rumford; Charge, Rev. John B. Wheelwright, of South Paris; Right hand, Rev. F. W. Dickinson, of Turner; Address to people, Rev. Thomas T. Merry, of Norway; Concluding prayer, Rev. David Garland, of Bethel; Benediction by pastor. [Rev. J. B. Wheelwright, *Moderator of Council*; Rev. F. W. Dickinson, *Scribe*.]

Holland B Frye, who was stated supply at Andover from March 1, 1868, has gone West as professor in a college.

Religious interest in Gorham, N. H., May, 1869.

Jackman Chapman, of Bethel, bequeathed $500 to Maine Missionary Society, and $500 to Second church, Bethel, April, 1869.

Frederick E. Shaw, of Paris Hill, *Scribe and Treasurer*; Dea. T. G. Goodwin, of Norway, *Reporter of Sabbath Schools*. Next meeting in Dixfield, October 19, 20, 1869.

OXFORD ASSOCIATION formed in Norway, June 11, 1822, meets second Tuesday in May, July, and September. Rev. Thomas T. Merry, of Norway, *Scribe*.

PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, second Tuesday in June.—Organized in Brownville, January 11, 1825.—Semi-annual Meeting, second Tuesday in January.

	Churches.—1869, May 2.—Ministers.						Ch. Mem., May 2, 1869.						Admitted.—1868.				Removed.		Baptized.	
Place and Name.	*Organized.*	*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Inst. or S. S.*	*M.A.*	*P.A.*	*Male*	*Fem.*	*Tot*	*Abs*	*Prf*	*Let.*	*Tot*	*Dth*	*Dis*	*Ex.*	*Tot*	*Adl*	*Inf.*	*S. Sch*	*Cont.*
Bangor, 1st	1811, Nov. 27	John R. Herrick, s.s.	1854, June 21	1867, Aug. 1	15	..	61	196	257	42	4	1	5	3	8	0	11	2	7	240	$ 1223
		Wm. M. Barbour, s.s.	1861, Oct. 2	1868, Nov. 30	8	..															
Bangor, Hammond-st	1833, Dec. 5	Solomon Payson Fay.	1849, Sept. 6	1866, Nov. 8	20	3	99	220	319	40	7	6	13	6	11	0	17	4	3	325	1935
Bangor, Central	1847, April 1	George W. Field.	1853, Nov. 15	1864, Mar. 29	16	5	93	163	256	65	4	5	9	3	2	0	5	3	0	350	1760
Brewer, 1st	1800, Sept. 9	Profs. Herrick and Barbour, s.s.	1854, June 21 1861, Oct. 2	1869, Feb. 1	..	..	42	90	132	30	28	7	35	0	0	0	0	10	1	150	226
Brewer Village	1843, Jan. 18	Wellington Newell, s.s.	1856, Nov. 18	1862, Jan. 1	13	..	20	59	79	10	1	0	1	1	2	0	3	0	3	130	76
Carmel	1853, May 5	No ordinances.	.....	.....	..	..	1	8	9	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	00
Dedham	1841, Dec. 13	James Wells.	1849, April 1	1858, Dec. 9	20	10	23	38	61	13	0	0	0	1	5	0	6	0	1	90	124
Dixmont & Plymouth	1861, Sept. 10	William S. Sewall, s.s.	1839, Sept. 25	1864, June 1	30	0	3	8	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	13
Hampden	1817, May 6	Stephen L. Bowler, s.s.	1853, Jan. 5	1865, Sept. 1	16	0	22	75	97	2	8	3	11	0	1	0	1	5	1	140	162
Holden	1825, Nov. 11	Occasional supply.	.....	.....	..	0	34	70	104	1	20	0	20	0	0	0	0	15	0	125	35
Kenduskeag	1834, Dec. 23	Supplied from Semina	ry.	.....	..	0	17	28	45	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	70	35
Oldtown	1834, Sept. 24	H. Allen Shorey, s.s.	1865, July 28	1867, July 1	4	0	16	54	70	2	14	3	17	2	1	0	3	13	0	102	135
Orono	1826, May 18	Smith Baker, jr.	1860, July 26	1868, Aug. 1	9	1	20	61	81	2	7	5	12	1	2	0	3	5	3	157	115
East Orrington	1834, June 12	Wellington Newell, s.s.	1856, Oct. 18	1869, Feb. 21	..	0	21	39	60	21	0	0	0	2	4	2	8	0	0	80	1
Upper Stillwater	1859, Oct. 6	Supplied from Semina	ry.	.....	..	0	4	24	28	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	75	60
Veazie	1838, June 19	William Forsyth, s.s.	Licentiate.	1868.	..	0	16	36	52	23	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	40	00
Sixteen.		*4 Pastors, 7 S. S.=11.*	*Av. Min'l §*	*Pastoral age*	15	5	492	1169	1661	345	93	30	123	21	36	2	59	57	21	2149	$ 5840

Average age Stated Supply, 3 years.

Ordained ministers.—Enoch Pond, ordained March 1, 1845; Daniel Smith Talcott, Dec. 7, 1836; John Russell Herrick, June 21, 1854; William Macleod Barbour, Oct. 2, 1861 (professors in the Theological Seminary, Bangor); Richard Woodhull, July 7, 1830 (treasurer and agent Theological Seminary, Bangor; John Kent Lincoln, Sept. 30, 1862,—all of Bangor.

Semi-annual Meeting with First church, Brewer, January 12, 13, 1869. Rev. H. Allen Shorey, *Moderator*. Opening sermon, Rev. Prof. Wm. M. Barbour, of Bangor, Acts 25: 19,—The dead Christ of Festus, and the living Christ of Paul. Sermon, Tuesday evening, Rev. George W. Field, Psalm 103: 13; Prov. 3: 12,—The importance, aim, and end of family Christian education. Conference sermon, Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, of Hampden. Topics for remarks: 1. What is the Christian standard of giving. 2. What sort of religious conversation is most practically useful. 3. How shall we improve our social conference and prayer-meetings. 4. Have church members any duty in the Sabbath School, when not employed as officers or teachers. 5. Is it the duty of any church member, except delegates, to attend County Conferences. Foreign missions presented by Rev. William Warren, of Gorham; Home missions, by Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Searsport. Reports of the Churches and Corresponding Bodies, by delegates. Resolutions on Temperance adopted. Lord's Supper administered by Rev. George W. Field, of Bangor, and Rev. Peter B. Thayer, delegate from Piscataquis Conference.

Forty-fourth Annual Meeting in Oldtown, June 8, 9, 1869. Rev. Solomon P. Fay, of Bangor. *Moderator*. Opening sermon, James H. Crosby, of Bangor, Matt. 15: 5, 6,—Pharisaism. Conference sermon, Rev. George W. Field, John 17: 19. Discussion of topics: 1. How to conduct the financial interests of the church. 2. The social life of the church. 3. The preaching of the Word. 4. Individual effort. 5. The obligation of the churches of the Conference to each other. Report of the churches by the Scribe, William G. Duren, of Bangor. Tuesday evening, sermon to the children, by Rev Solomon P. Fay, with addresses from Rev. Smith Baker, jr., of Orono, and Edward P. Wilson, of Bangor Seminary. Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Enoch Pond, of Bangor, and Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, of Hampden.

Rev. H. Allen Shorey resigns the charge of the church at Oldtown, to enter upon his appointment as soliciting financial agent of the Bangor Theological Seminary. Accepts a call to supply the church in Camden, April, 1869. By a council, convened July 27, 1869, Mr. Shorey was dismissed from the pastorate of the church in East Orrington. Rev. S. P. Fay, of Bangor, *Moderator of Council*; Rev. Smith Baker, jr., of Orono, *Scribe*.

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AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE,—Continued from page 41.

Rev. JOHN U. PARSONS, of North Acton, labored in Patten and Lee.

Rev. WILLIAM T. SLEEPER, appointed Supervisor of Public Schools in Aroostook County.

A Bible Society was formed for Patten and vicinity in December, 1868; and the Aroostook Bible Society renewed its organization in Houlton in the same month.

Deacon I. WASHBURN, deceased in Worcester, Mass., contributed liberally toward building meeting-houses in Patten, Presque Isle, and Sherman Mills.

Rev. ALVAN J. BATES, formerly of Lincoln, accepts a call to Sandersville, Mass.

The house, barn, and out-buildings of Rev. Elbridge Knight, Maple Grove, destroyed by fire July 16, 1839.

JOHN I. REA, *licentiate*, stated supply in Medway, 1869.

Rev. FRANKLIN D. AUSTIN, of Presque Isle, *Scribe* and *Treasurer of Conference*. Next semi-annual meeting in Houlton, September 18, 19, 1869.

MATTANAWCOOK ASSOCIATION, formed in Enfield, December 15, 1851, meets the day preceding the Annual and Semi-annual meeting of Conference.

KENNEBEC CONFERENCE,—Continued from page 47.

Sabbath School Convention in Hallowell, Congregational church, October 22, 23, 1868; also, in April 21, 1869.

The Young Men's Christian Association, in Augusta, have established sabbath schools in several districts, and hold a service every Sabbath afternoon in a central part of the city. Arranging for a course of lectures, October, 1868.

Kennebec and Somerset Association met in Skowhegan, April 26, 1869.

Rev. Austin L. Park, of Gardiner, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference*. Next meeting in Monmouth, October 25, 26, 1869.

Kennebec Association formed in Pittston, July 24, 1816, merged in Kennebec and Somerset Association.

KENNEBEC AND SOMERSET ASSOCIATIONS united, April 23, 1867, at Waterville,—meets fourth Tuesday of January, April, and October, and the second Monday in July. Rev. John Dinsmore, of Winslow, *Scribe*.

LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC CONFERENCE,—Continued from page 48.

Religious interest in Damariscotta, Feb., 1869. Encouraging religious interest in Bath, April, 1869. Rev. I. P. Langworthy, of Boston, assisting the pastors.

Knox County Union Sabbath School Conventions in Thomaston, October 15, 1868,—at Tennant's Harbor, St. George, May 27, 1869.

Rev. Gilbert B. Richardson, of Newcastle, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference;* Rev. Charles Packard, of Waldoboro', *Reporter*. Semi-annual meeting with First church, Newcastle, January 11, 12, 1870.

LINCOLN ASSOCIATION formed in Warren May 1, 1844,—meets third Tuesday in January, and second Tuesday in May and September. Rev. John J. Bulfinch, of Newcastle, *Scribe*.

LINCOLN (WEST) ASSOCIATION formed at Phipsburg, May 1, 1844,—meetings, first Tuesday in February, May, and November. Rev. George E. Street, of Wiscasset, *Scribe*.

PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE,—Continued from page 50.

Rev. Smith Baker, jr., of Orono, to supply the church in Upper Stillwater, sabbath afternoons Mr. B. received a call to Central church, Bath. Question submitted to a Council called July 7; Dea. Joseph S. Wheelwright, of Bangor, *Moderator;* Rev. W. Newell, of Brewer Village, *Scribe*. Mr. B. declined the call.

Rev. John K. Deering, formerly of Holden and Solon, was a part of the year stated supply at Cottonwood Falls, Kansas. Returns to Maine, and will supply at Lincoln, July, 1869.

William Forsyth, supplying at Veazie and Upper Stillwater, from Sept., 1868. Edward Kingsbury supplying at Holden, April, 1869. Edwin P. Wilson at Oldtown. William A. Spaulding at Penobscot, August, 1869. Each of the above from Bangor Seminary.

Penobscot Association licensed July 14, seven of the Senior class to preach three years; seven of the Middle class, one year.

Religious interest at Kenduskeag, Dec., 1868. The church secures a separate place of worship, June, 1869. Religion revived in Hampden, May, 1869.

Semi-annual meeting of the Penobscot County Congregational Sabbath School Society in Holden, Sept. 8, 1868. Opening address, Rev. John R. Herrick, of Bangor. Annual meeting in Brewer Village, March 9.

Twenty-first anniversary of Central Sabbath School, Bangor, held Nov. 8, 1868. Address by President Harris, of Bowdoin College, Brunswick.

Thirty-fifth anniversary of Hammond-street Sabbath School, Bangor, Dec. 20. Address by Rev. William H. Fenn, of Portland.

Fifty-fifth anniversary of the First Parish Sabbath School, Dec. 27. Address by Rev. William M. Barbour, of Bangor.

Rev. Smith Baker, jr., of Orono, *Scribe of Conference;* Dea. E. F. Duren, of Bangor, *Treasurer*. Next meeting with First church, Bangor, Jan. 11, 12, 1870.

PENOBSCOT ASSOCIATION formed at Bangor, August 8, 1832. Annual meeting on Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday in December,—other meetings by adjournment. Rev. H. Allen Hazen, *Scribe*.

PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, Tuesday and Wednesday preceding the meeting of General Conference.—Organized in Foxcroft, Sept. 20, 1842.—Semi-annual Meeting, 3d Tuesday in Oct.

Churches.—1869, May 2.—Ministers. | Ch. Mem., May 2, 1869. Admitted.—1868.—Removed. Baptized.

Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Inst. or S. S.	M.A.	P.A.	Male	Fem.	Tot	Abs	Prf	Let.	Tot	Dth	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Adl.	Inf.	S. Sch	Cont.
Abbot and Guilford	1841, Feb. 2	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	6	9	15	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	$ 00
Atkinson	1842, Mar. 2	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	4	11	15	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	00	00
Blanchard	1833, Mar. 13	Rufus W. Emerson, s.s.	1856, May 28	1868, March.	13	..	17	22	39	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	17
Brownville	1819, Aug. 24	Leander S. Coan, s. s.	1863, June 18	1867, Nov. 10	6	..	52	100	152	23	10	3	13	4	0	0	4	7	3	315	166
Dexter	1834, July 22	Woodbury S. Kimball.	1867, Sept. 3	1867, Sept. 3	2	2	10	26	36	6	0	2	2	0	3	0	3	0	0	40	16
Foxcroft and Dover	1822, Dec. 30	John H. Gurney, pastor	elect.	.....	..	..	52	123	175	31	0	1	1	3	5	0	8	0	0	150	120
Garland	1820, Mar. 1	Peter B. Thayer.	1848, Dec. 12	1848, Dec. 12	21	21	40	59	99	14	2	0	2	1	4	0	5	1	0	100	100
Monson	1821, Aug. 11	Rufus W. Emerson, s.s.	1856, May 28	1868, July.	..	..	23	27	50	18	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	75	60
Sangerville	1828, Aug. 28	Rufus W. Emerson, s.s.	1856, May 28	1868, July.	..	..	4	13	17	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	10
Nine.		*2 Pastors, 2 S. S.=4.*	*Av. Min'l &*	*Pastoral age*	10	12	208	390	598	117	12	7	19	10	12	0	22	8	3	730	$ 489

Average age Stated Supply, 2 years.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING in Brownville, October 20, 21, 1868. Opening sermon, Rev. Rufus W. Emerson, of Monson. Conference sermon, Rev. Peter B. Thayer, of Garland. Topics discussed: What is the Christian's duty?—1. To secular and civil enterprises; 2. To the church, and Christian brethren,—involving the idea of fealty to the Church, as Christ's body; 3. To sabbath schools; 4. To the family. A memorial adopted in reference to the death of Rev. Benjamin C. Chase and Rev. John A. Perry, members of this Conference. Services at the communion season conducted by Rev. Rufus W. Emerson, of Monson, and Rev. A. Redlon, of the Free-will Baptist church, Foxcroft.

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING held in Garland, June 15, 16, 1869. Deacon Samuel Coan, of Garland, *Moderator*. Opening sermon, Rev. Samuel H. Merrill, of Portland, agent American Bible Society. Conference sermon, Rev. Smith Baker, jr., delegate from Penobscot Conference. Tuesday evening was devoted to the Temperance cause. The session was held in the re-modeled church edifice, finished since January, 1869,—one of the most attractive and beautiful audience rooms in the county. Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Rufus W. Emerson, of Monson, and Rev. Samuel H. Merrill, of Cumberland Conference.

Rev. WOODBURY S. KIMBALL dismissed from the pastorate of the church in Dexter, July 8, 1869. Rev. Peter B. Thayer was *Moderator* of the Council; Rev. Leander S. Coan, of Brownville, *Scribe*.

William Forsyth, from Bangor, is to supply Dexter for a season, and G. W. Barber, the people in Greenville.

The church in Foxcroft and Dover supplied during part of the winter by Free-will Baptist ministers. Rev. John H. Gurney, from New Braintree, Mass., is called to this church August 6, 1869.

The churches in Bradford and Atkinson are reported extinct.

Rev. Leander S. Coan, of Brownville, *Scribe of Conference:* C. H B. Woodbury, of Dover, *Treasurer*. Next meeting in Foxcroft, Oct. 19, 20, 1869.

PISCATAQUIS ASSOCIATION formed at Monson, January 25, 1841. Annual meeting third Tuesday in February; other meetings, quarterly.

n.....	1806, July 24	William H. Rand, s.s.	Licentiate.	1869, Aug. 1	..	..	10	13	23	4	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	00	00
n.....	1820, April 25	Thomas G. Mitchell, s.s.	1846, Nov. 18	1851, Nov. 16	23	..	30	48	78	27	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	110	30
n, East ...	1858, Mar. 24	George W. Hathaway, s.s.	1833, Mar. 20	1867.	36	..	2	11	13	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	75	100
.....	1822, Oct. 12	Andrew McLeod, s.s.	Licentiate.	1868, July.	..	..	10	13	23	10	2	1	3	1	0	0	1	1	0	40	15
gewock,...	1797, Sept. 22	Benjamin Tappan.	1838, Aug. 8	1858, Oct. 27	31	11	36	86	122	33	0	0	0	2	2	1	5	0	0	160	263
egan.....	1800, Nov. 1	Frederic E. Sturgess.	1868, Oct. 1	1868, Oct. 1	1	1	42	85	127	15	0	0	0	4	4	0	8	0	0	200	137
.....	1842, Jan. 25	William H. Rand, s.s.	Licentiate.	1869, Aug. 1	..	..	5	7	12	1	4	0	4	1	2	0	3	3	0	50	45
South.....	1806, Sept. 30	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	4	20	24	8	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	00	10
ans.....	1830, June 29	William S. Sewall, s.s.	1833, Sept. 25	1864, June 10	30	..	6	17	23	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	80	25
eleven.		*2 Pastors, 6 S. S.=8.*	*Av. Min'l &*	*Pastoral age*	23	6	188	376	564	129	15	5	20	12	8	1	21	12	0	840	$682

* Embracing former church at Bloomfield. Average age Stated Supply, 5 years.

FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING, in Madison, June 8, 9, 1869. Rev. George W. Hathaway, of Bloomfield, *Moderator*. Opening sermon, Rev. J. E. Fullerton, of Bingham. Closing sermon, by the Moderator. The main subject of discussion was the Sanctuary,—its origin and claims; its adaptedness to promote human welfare; its bearings upon public morals; the well-being of the young; family religion; the life and fruitfulness of the Church; the methods of extending its influence. A resolution was passed, touching the obligation to carry the sanctuary, as much as possible, by school-house lectures, and prayer-meetings, mission sabbath schools, and kindred efforts, to those who do not come to it. The churches have not enjoyed during the year so much spiritual prosperity as in some years.

FREDERICK EUGENE STURGESS (Amherst College, 1864, Bangor Seminary, 1868). Ordained pastor of the church in Skowhegan, October 1, 1868. Introductory services, Rev. Rufus K. Harlow, of Portland; prayer, Rev. Benjamin A. Roble, of Waterville; sermon, Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath, 1 Cor. 1: 23,—Christ crucified. Ordaining prayer, Rev. Benjamin Tappan, of Norridgewock, *Moderator of the Council;* Charge to pastor, Rev. Thomas G. Mitchell, of Madison; Right hand, Rev. John Dinsmore, of Winslow; Address to people, Rev. H. Allen Shorey, of Oldtown; Concluding prayer, Rev. William S. Sewall, of St. Albans; Benediction by the pastor.

Rev. J. E. Fullerton, supplying Bingham and Solon, November, 1868; William H. Rand, stated supply from August, 1869. J. E. Fullerton, in Mercer from August 1, 1869. Rev. John K. Deering, formerly of Solon and Bingham, spent the last winter in Kansas, hoping to benefit his health. He is expecting to return to Maine, as stated supply at Lincoln. Rev. George W. Hathaway, appointed by the State, supervisor of common schools, for Somerset County, April, 1869.

SOMERSET and KENNEBEC ASSOCIATION met in Skowhegan, April 26, 1869; SOMERSET and FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION, formed at Strong May 4, 1853; SOMERSET ASSOCIATION, united with FRANKLIN, was formed July 10, 1844; these are now merged in the KENNEBEC AND SOMERSET ASSOCIATION, formed at Waterville, April 23, 1867; meets fourth Tuesday of January, April, and October, and second Monday in July. Rev. John Dinsmore, of Winslow, *Scribe*.

Rev. Benjamin Tappan, of Norridgewock, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference*.

UNION CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, Tuesday preceding 2d Wednesday in June (two days).—Organized in So. Bridgton, June 14, 1836.—Semi-annual Meeting, last Tuesday in Oct. (two days).

	Churches.—1869, May 2.—Ministers.				Ch. Mem., May 2, 1869. Admitted.—1868.—Removed. Baptized.																	
Place and Name.	*Organized.*	*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Inst. or S. S.*	*M.A.*	*P.A.*	*Male*	*Fem.*	*Tot*	*Abs*	*Prf*	*Let*	*Tot*	*Dth*	*Dis*	*Ex.*	*Tot*	*Ad.*	*Inf.*	*S. Sch*	*Cont.*
Albany	1803, Sept. 15	Samuel L. Gould, s.s.	1839, Oct. 23	1856, July 6	30	..	16	32	48	15	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	100	$ 41
Bridgton	1784, Aug. 26	Vacant.			..	..	37	86	123	20	0	2	2	1	1	0	2	0	3	117	85
Bridgton, North	1832, Nov. 15	Ernest F. Borchers, ½	1869, Jan. 14	1869, Jan. 14	..	..	14	35	49	12	1	2	3	1	1	0	2	0	1	40	23
Bridgton, South	1829, Dec. 30	Addison Blanchard.	1868, Sept. 9	1868, Sept. 9	1	1	22	41	63	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	100	42
Brownfield	1804, Oct. 15	Ezra B. Pike, s.s.	1863, Sept. 16	1867, May 26	6	..	19	30	49	8	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	85	49
Casco	1864, Sept. 22	Geo. F. Tewksbury, s.s. ½	1838, Jan. 31	1864, May 1	31	..	10	15	25	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*80	00
Denmark	1829, July 5	L. M. Gordon, s.s.	Licentiate.	1869, Aug. 1	..	..	9	21	30	6	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	3	0	25	6
Fryeburg	1775, Aug. 17	David B. Sewall.	1842, Jan. 19	1859, Dec. 8	27	10	64	146	210	49	0	0	0	6	4	0	10	0	4	100	200
Harrison	1826, Feb. 15	Ernest F. Borchers. ½	1869, Jan. 14	1869, Jan. 14	..	..	20	24	44	21	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	32
Hiram	1826, Oct. 26	Vacant.			..	..	2	8	10	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	*30	37
Lovell	1798, Oct. 6	Charles Morgridge, s.s.	1831, Sept. 30	1868, Dec. 27	38	..	46	82	128	25	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0	110	80
Naples	1858, Aug. 10	Vacant.			..	..	3	13	16	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*50	60
Otisfield	1797, Nov. 23	Philo B. Wilcox, s.s.	1851, May 14	1865, Oct. 28	18	..	27	45	72	2	0	0	0	2	6	0	8	0	0	70	30
Stow & Chatham	1861, Oct. 22	Ezra B. Pike, s.s.	1863, Sept. 16	1869, May 18	..	..	14	24	38	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*50	7
Sweden	1817, Nov. 4	C. D. Barrows, s.s.	Licentiate.	1869, Aug. 1	..	..	25	30	55	14	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	50	52
Waterford	1799, Oct. 2	John A. Douglass.	1821, Nov. 7	1821, Nov. 7	48	48	39	69	108	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	6	0	0	125	270
Waterford, North	1865, June 19	John W. H. Baker, s.s.	1865, June 29	1868, May 1	4	..	25	46	71	11	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	100	74
Seventeen.		*4 Pastors, 8 S. S.=12.*	*Av. Min'l ⅘*	*Pastoral age*	20	15	392	747	1139	201	8	5	13	20	20	0	40	4	11	1282	$1028
		Average age Stated Supply, 4 years.																		Union Sabbath Schools.	

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Stephen Sanderson, Sweden, ordained February 1, 1831; Benjamin Stearns, Lovell, licensed January 11, 1860.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING in Casco, October 27, 28, 1868. Opening sermon, Rev. Alpha Morton, of Cumberland Conference, Isaiah 52: 1. Tuesday evening, an address on the Bible,—its divine origin, and adaptedness to the wants of men. Conference sermon, Rev. Ernest F. Borchers, of Bridgton, 1 Cor. 1: 4-9. Subjects for remarks,—What are the characteristics of a model church?

1. Its spirituality, as evinced by its faith, love, and activity. 2. The importance of a hearty coöperation with the pastor, in religious efforts, and giving him a temporal support. 3. Importance of mutual harmony and good-will among the members. 4. Of cultivating fraternal affection and harmony with other Evangelical Christian denominations. 5. The sabbath school, and special efforts for the salvation of the young people attending the services of the sanctuary. 6. What shall each do to reach the multitude who do not visit the sanctuary? 7. Importance of heartily coöperating with the various missionary and other benevolent organizations of the day. Lord's Supper administered by Rev. William Warren, and Rev. Amasa Lorkin, of Cumberland Conference. In the report of the meeting published by the Scribe, an argument was derived for the meeting of conferences, from the commandment of God to the Israelites, that they should appear at Jerusalem three times a year.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING in Waterford, June 8, 9, 1869. Opening sermon, Rev. Addison Blanchard, of South Bridgton, Eph. 4: 3,—The unity of the spirit. Conference sermon, Rev. Samuel L. Gould, of Albany,—"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above." Topics for discussion: Home Evangelization. 1. Its need. 2. The agencies for carrying it on; the church, the ministry, the prayer-meeting, the sabbath school. Revivals reported in Otisfield and Harrison. A committee appointed at the previous semi-annual meeting, reported in favor of arranging the exercises to promote revivals;—that the church where the meeting is appointed be invited to make the season one of special effort for the salvation of men; that the week previous, be a week of prayer and preparation; "that we come together to work, and not talk about working."

ADDISON BLANCHARD (Andover Seminary) ordained pastor church in So. Bridgton, Sept. 9, 1868. Introductory services, Rev. Ernest F. Borchers, of No. Bridgton; Prayer, Rev. Ezra B. Pike, of Brownfield, *Scribe of Council*; Sermon, Rev. David B. Sewall, of Fryeburg; Ordaining prayer, Rev. Isaac Weston, of Cumberland; Charge to pastor, Rev. Ebenezer S. Jordan, of Cumberland; Right hand of fellowship, Rev. Franklin E. Fellows, of Bridgton; Address to the people, Rev. James H. Merrill, of West Andover, Mass., *Moderator of Council*; Closing prayer, by the preacher; Benediction, by the pastor.

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...ed Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Inst. or S. S.	M.A.	P.A.	Male	Fem.	Tot	Abs	Prf	Let.	Tot	Dth	Dis	Ex.	Tot	Adl	Inf.	S. Sch	Cont.
..., 1st.....	1796, Dec. 29	Wooster Parker.	1832, Sept. 29	1856, Oct. 8	37	12	24	95	119	14	1	1	2	3	4	0	7	0	0	70	$ 128
..., North ...	1846, Sept. 24	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	12	25	37	8*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	00
n.....	1805, Sept. 11	H. Allen Shorey (p. elect).	1865, July 28	1869.	4	..	25	70	95	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	125	408
ort.....	1851, Nov. 18	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	3	12	15	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	4
m.....	1858, April 14	William H. Beard, s.s.	1867, Nov. 20	1866, Oct. 1	2	..	12	13	25	7	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	40	11
n & Brooks	1812, Oct. 6	Thomas E. Brastow.	1865, Oct. 11	1865, Oct. 11	3	3	19	47	66	13	1	1	2	0	3	0	3	0	3	50	60
ort.....	1854, June 12	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	12	31	43	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	10
Point	1839, Oct. 16	Joseph Kyte, s.s.	1862, Sept. 25	1868, June 1	7	..	31	49	80	16	0	2	2	3	2	0	5	2	1	100	90
ort, 1st....	1815, Oct. 4	Jonathan E. Adams.	1859, Oct. 19	1866, May 16	10	3	38	112	150	19	5	1	6	4	1	0	5	4	0	*176	298
...port, 2d.....	1855, Sept. 19	Joseph Kyte, s.s.	1862, Sept. 25	1868, June 1	..	..	7	24	31	1	4	5	9	0	0	0	0	2	1	65	68
Unity	1804, Dec. 1	Vacant.	No report.	As last year.	..	..	5	16	21	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	00
Winterport.....	1820, Sept. 17	Abiel H. Wright.	1866, Nov. 1	1866, Nov. 1	3	3	15	58	73	13	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	115	20
Twelve.		5 Pastors, 2 S. S.=7.	Av. Min'l &	Pastoral age	9	5	203	552	755	108	13	10	23	12	10	0	22	9	6	891	$ 1097

Average age Stated Supply, 2 years.

* Average attendance, 109.

Rev. STEPHEN THURSTON, ordained August 9, 1826, Secretary Maine Missionary Society. Post-office address, Searsport.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING with Second church in Searsport, October 27, 28, 1869. Rev. Wooster Parker, of Belfast, *Moderator*. Opening sermon, Rev. Samuel H. Merrill, of Cumberland Conference, Matthew 22: 42,—"What think ye of Christ?" Conference sermon, Rev. Thomas E. Brastow, of Brooks, Exodus 12: 26,—"What mean ye by this service?" Topics discussed: The need of more faith in the truths of the gospel, as the chief means of elevating and saving men. 2. In view of man's sinfulness, and the provision for deliverance, what is the privilege and duty of every soul? The ordinance of the Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Hiram Houston, of Hancock Conference, and Rev. William H. Beard, of Freedom.

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING held in Belfast, June 1, 2, 1869. Bro. William O. Poor, of Belfast, *Moderator*. Opening sermon, Rev. Solomon P. Fay, of Penobscot Conference, Mark 11: 13,—"Nothing but leaves." Conference sermon, Rev. Joseph Kyte, of Sandy Point,—"I am the life." Topics for remark: Attendance upon public worship; substantial Christian union, and coöperation; the need of it, and means of promoting it, the duty and good of it. Prayer-meeting Wednesday morning at 5½. Report of the churches by Scribe, Wednesday forenoon. Revivals in Sandy Point (27 conversions), and East Searsport, (16). Lord's Supper administered.

The meeting-house of Second church, Searsport, dedicated August 7, 1868. Introductory service, Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of First church, Searsport; dedicatory prayer, Rev. Wooster Parker, of Belfast. Sermon, Rev. Joseph Kyte, acting pastor of the Second church in Searsport, and the church at Sandy Point. Remarks,—Rev. Stephen Thurston, former pastor of those comprising the First and Second churches in Searsport and Sandy Point; also, remarks by Rev. W. Parker, of Belfast. This meeting-house was remodeled from the first edifice, built in 1819, in what was then Prospect.

Rev. Andrew J. Smith dismissed from church in Rockport, July 27, 1868. Rev. Javan K. Mason, of Thomaston, *Scribe of Council*. Mr. S. supplying the church in Boothbay, October, 1868.

Rev. Henry Allen Shorey accepts a call to Camden, installed Sept. 1, 1869. Rev. Abiel H. Wright, of Winterport, called to North Chelsea, Mass., July, 1869. Rev. J. W. C. Pike, formerly of North Belfast (1865–7), called from Weston, Vt., to South Wellfleet, Mass.

Aid for the Labrador Mission, where Miss M. McFarland, of Camden, is teacher, may be sent to care of T. R. Simonton, of Camden.

Rev. Thomas E. Brastow, of Brooks, *Scribe* and *Treasurer of Conference*. Next meeting in Camden, October 12, 13, 1869.

WALDO ASSOCIATION, formed in Belfast, November 10, 1830. Annual meeting in August. Assembles three times, in addition, during the year. Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Searsport, *Scribe*.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, second Tuesday in June.—Organized in Eastport, February 18, 1829.—Semi-annual Meeting, second Tuesday in October.

Churches.——1869, May 2.——Ministers. Ch. Mem., May 2, 1869.—Admitted.—1868.—Removed. Baptized.

Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Inst. or S. S.	M.A.	P.A.	Male	Fem.	Tot	Abs	Prf	Let.	Tot	Dth	Dis	Ex.	Tot	Adl	Inf.	S. Sch.	Cont.
Alexander	1854, Nov. 7	Vacant.			..	..	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	$ 00
Calais	1825, Aug. 17	Wm. Carruthers (p. elect).	1857, Jun 16	1868, Sept. 1	12	..	47	141	188	0	4	4	8	3	1	0	4	0	0	188	524
Cherryfield	1833, Oct. 20	Vacant.			..	..	4	13	17	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	183
Cooper	1826, Feb. 22	Temporary supply.	Licentiate.	1869, Aug. 1	..	..	5	7	12	3	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	0	0	00	100
Dennysville	1805, Oct. 27	Charles Whittier.	1869, Nov. 13	1869, Nov. 13	9	9	46	70	116	24	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	*170	350
Eastport, Central	1819, Feb. 7	Thomas E. Babb, s.s.	1869, Jan. 19	1868, Sept. 25	..	..	17	50	67	24	0	1	1	2	1	0	3	0	0	87	133
Jonesboro'	1840, April 24	Vacant.			..	..	6	5	11	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	26
Lubec	1818, Sept. 1	Vacant.			..	..	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	00
Machias, Center-st	1782, Sept. 12	Henry F. Harding, s.s.	1855, Oct. 17	1855, June 15	14	..	51	141	192	27	11	0	11	0	0	0	0	9	2	*475	300
Machias, East	1826, June 8	Philander Thurston, s.s.	1869, Jan. 19	1868, Oct. 10	..	..	27	84	111	47	0	1	1	0	4	0	4	0	0	125	95
Machiasport	1831, Jan. 25	Gilman Bacheller, s.s.	1831, June 15	1831, June 15	38	..	19	21	40	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	6
Northfield	1836, Sept. 15	Edward Kingsbury, s.s.	Licentiate.	1868, Aug. 1	..	..	5	7	12	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	11
Pembroke	1835, Sept. 30	Vacant.			..	..	6	16	22	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	00
Perry	1822, Oct. 7	John S. Bane, s.s.	Licentiate.	1868, June 14	..	..	18	36	54	11	19	0	19	2	0	0	2	15	0	80	00
Princeton	1858, Dec. 2	George B. Buzelle, s.s.	Licentiate.	1868, Nov. 1	..	..	5	18	23	0	1	2	3	0	2	0	2	1	0	80	30
Robbinston	1811, Nov. 24	George W. Kelley, s.s.	Licentiate.	1869, Aug. 1	..	..	27	72	99	32	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	0	0	66	56
St. Stephens, N.B.	1846, Oct. 21	Edgar L. Foster.	1867, Oct. 4	1867, Sept. 1	2	2	54	85	119	17	3	3	6	4	5	0	9	2	0	200	610
Topsfield	1861, Nov. 6	Reuben D. Osgood, s.s.	Licentiate.	1869, Jan. 1	..	..	6	17	23	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*185	50
Whiting	1833, Nov. 9	William D. Brown, s.s.	Licentiate.	1869, Mar. 1	..	..	3	11	14	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	75	75
Whitneyville	1836, Dec. 7	Edward Kingsbury, s.s.	Licentiate.	1868, Aug. 1	..	..	16	26	42	7	3	0	3	1	2	0	3	3	0	50	15
Twenty.		*2 Pastors, 11 S. S.=13.*	*Av. Min'l §*	*Pastoral age*	15	6	344	824	1168	226	42	11	53	17	18	1	36	31	5	1938	$ 2563

§ Average age Stated Supply, 5 years. * Including Mission Schools.

Semi-annual Meeting in Whiting, October 27, 28, 1868. Opening sermon, Rev. Thomas E. Babb, of Eastport, 1st Cor. 1: 22-24. Subjects for discussion: 1. How to bring out the entire activity of the entire membership of the churches. 2. The sabbath school. The church in Perry reported nineteen additions during the summer. The closing sermon was by Rev. Henry F. Harding, of Machias, followed by the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, at which one person united with the church in Whiting. All the meetings of the Conference were largely attended by the people of the town; we felt that the Holy Spirit was present with us. There was special interest in Whiting soon after the meeting of the Conference. (*Scribe.*)

Fortieth Annual Meeting in East Machias, June 8, 9, 1869.– Rev. Edgar L. Foster, of St. Stephens, N. B., *Moderator*. Sermon before the County Bible Society by the Moderator, Luke 16: 31. Conference sermon, Rev. Thos. E. Babb, of Eastport, Matt. 21: 18, 19,—followed by the communion. Subjects for discussion: 1. The duty of every Christian to labor for the conversion of souls. 2. The sabbath school. (*Scribe.*)

Thomas E. Babb, stated supply in Eastport, and Philander Thurston, stated supply in East Machias, were ordained to the work of the ministry in Eastport, January 19, 1869. Rev. Henry F. Harding, of Machias, *Moderator of Council;* Rev. Edgar L. Foster, of St. Stephens, N. B., *Scribe*. Ordaining prayer by the Moderator, Charge, Rev. William Carruthers, of Calais; Right hand of fellowship, Rev. Charles Whittier, of Dennysville; Sermon by the Scribe. Mr. Babb graduated at Amherst College, in 1865; studied in Bangor Seminary 1866-7; Andover, 1868. Mr. Thurston graduated from Amherst College 1865, from Bangor Seminary 1868.

Andrew J. McLeod, stated supply at Perry, from August 1, 1869. C. W. Park, stated supply at Whiting, from August 1, 1869. J. E. Walker, stated supply at Whitneyville and Northfield, from August 1, 1869.

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...and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Inst. or S. S.	M.A.	P.A.	Male	Fem.	Tot	Abs	Prf	Let.	Tot	Dth	Dis	Ex.	Tot	Add	Inf.	S. Sch	Cont.
.....	1781, Sept. 18	Wm. S. Thompson, s.s.	1860, Oct. 17	1869, Jan. 1	9	..	15	25	40	7	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	1	0	50	$ 5
.....	1780.	George Lewis.	.....	1869, July.	..	..	27	63	90	27	0	0	0	5	1	0	6	0	0	56	100
ford, 1st.....	1730, April 30	Vacant.	No report.	As last year.	..	..	24	60	84	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	72
ford, 2d.....	1805, May 1	John D. Emerson.	1858, Oct. 1	1868, Mar. 5	10	1	63	163	226	21	19	23	42	4	12	0	16	15	1	280	370
ford, Pavilion	1857, Oct. 20	Charles Tenney.	1844, Feb. 7	1858, Dec. 2	25	10	36	126	162	34	3	2	5	3	5	2	10	2	0	225	280
n.....	1763, Mar. 16	Charles H. Gates, s.s.	1851, Sept.	1868, Aug. 1	18	..	19	63	82	10	21	6	27	1	0	0	1	20	2	86	25
on Center.....	1763, Mar. 16	Joseph Smith, s.s.	1842, Nov. 10	1868, Sept. 13	26	..	16	42	58	15	2	3	5	2	0	0	2	2	0	60	44
sh Village....	1840, Sept. 6	Albert Cole, s.s.	1847, Ma . 25	1858, July 4	22	..	14	40	54	7	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	2	0	60	40
t.....	1721, June 22	Charles Peabody, s.s.	1841, Dec. 10	1866, Oct. 20	28	..	15	60	75	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	15
Kennebunk, Union.	1826, Aug. 15	Walter E. Darling.	1862, May 20	1866, Mar. 20	7	3	34	52	86	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	96	526
Kennebunkport....	1730, Nov.	Thomas N. Lord, s.s.	1837, Aug.	1869, Feb. 1	32	..	16	41	57	15	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	30
Kennebunkport, S	1838, Jan. 10	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	8	35	43	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	00
Kittery, 1st.....	1714, Nov. 4	Samuel S. Drake, s.s.	1834, Oct. 15	1868, Nov. 1	34	..	9	19	28	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	50
Lebanon.....	1765, Jan. 24	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	22	35	57	20	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	13
Limerick.....	1795, July 5	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	31	66	97	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	38
Limington.....	1789, Oct. 11	Sam'l W. Pearson, s.s.	Licentiate.	1869, June 6	..	..	31	76	107	40	0	3	3	1	4	3	8	0	2	100	20
Lyman.....	1801, Dec. 2	William A. Merrill, s.s.	1852, Oct. 27	1864, Dec. 10	17	..	39	60	99	0	0	3	3	2	7	0	9	0	0	90	77
Newfield, West....	1801, July 1	George S. Kemp, s.s.	1856, Feb. 28	1864, June 26	13	..	18	28	46	14	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	70	64
Parsonsfield.....	1795, Jan. 7	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	5	9	14	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	00	00
Saco, 1st.....	1762, Oct. 13	Vacant.	No report.	.....	..	..	89	207	296	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	134	183
Sanford.....	1786, July 19	James Richards, s.s.	1837, July.	1869, May 13	32	..	19	36	55	15	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	00	1005
Sanford, South....	1786, July 19	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	10	23	33	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	25
Shapleigh	1823, Oct. 23	Vacant.	No. report.	.....	..	..	3	8	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	00
South Berwick....	1702, June 4	Silvanus Hayward.	1861, Oct. 9	1866, May 10	8	3	29	93	122	34	2	0	2	3	2	0	5	2	1	110	963
Wells, 1st.....	1701, Oct. 29	Lewis Goodrich, s.s.	1850, Jan. 1	1 68, Mar. 7	19	..	37	100	137	24	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	120	100
Wells, 2d.....	1831, Aug. 23	Samuel Bowker, s.s.	1845, Dec. 8	1867, Oct. 1	23	..	21	76	97	9	0	0	0	8	2	0	10	0	0	90	90
York, 1st.....	1672, Dec. 3	Joseph Fr man, s.s.	1846, Mch. 18	1869, Aug. 1	23	..	26	73	99	18	0	0	0	4	2	2	8	0	0	75	125
York, 2d.....	1732.	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	13	29	42	9	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	00	00
Twenty-eight.		*5 Past., 14 S. S.=19.*	*Av. Min'l &*	*Pastoral age*	20	3	689	1708	2397	34	51	40	91	45	38	7	90	44	8	2137	$4266

Average age Stated Supply 8 years.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Rev. Thomas C. Upham, Kennebunkport, ordained July 16, 1823; Rev. John U. Parsons, Evangelist, North Acton, ordained September, 1831; Rev. John Parsons, York, ordained May 14, 1857.

YORK ASSOCIATION organized in Arundel (now Kennebunkport), October 27, 1817; meets on the first Tuesday of February and May, and the last Tuesday in September. Rev. John D. Emerson, of Biddeford, *Scribe*.

The ministers in South Berwick, Eliot, York, and Kittery, are connected with the **PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION**, formed in Kittery, October 24, 1781. Annual Meeting third Tuesday in April; other meetings on the third Tuesday of July, October, and January. Rev. George M. Adams, of Portsmouth, N. H., *Scribe*.

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YORK CONFERENCE,—Continued from page 57.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING in Cornish, October 13, 14, 1868.—Dea. S. L. Boynton, of Biddeford, *Moderator, pro tem.* Opening sermon, Rev. Silvanus Hayward, of South Berwick, Matt. 11: 3.—"Art thou he that should come?" Conference sermon, Rev. John D. Emerson, of Biddeford, John 1: 29,—"Behold the Lamb of God." Topics for remarks: The kingdom of Christ among men. (1.) The constitution of this kingdom; its principles; of whom it is composed. (2.) Its origin,—the benevolence of God toward his creatures. (3.) Its foundation,—the atonement of Jesus Christ. (4.) Its builders—Christ, our Advocate; the Lord of providence; and the Holy Spirit our Sanctifier and Comforter. (5.) The means and instruments of its building.—the truth of revelation; the disciples of our Lord; the free acts of all. (6.) How is it to be built,—by the conversion and sanctification of individuals, and thus by bringing communities, and nations, into subjection to Christ. (7.) The duty of its citizens in respect to its building,—toward self, other Christians, and the world. (8.) Work for the kingdom, in sending the Bible everywhere. (9.) Home missionary work for the kingdom, in the family and neighborhood. (10.) Foreign missionary work. Sun-rise prayer-meeting Wednesday morning. Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Messrs. Walter E. Darling, of Kennebunk, and Ezra B. Pike, of Union Conference.

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING held with the Pavilion church, Biddeford, June 1, 2, 1869. Rev. Silvanus Hayward, of South Berwick, *Moderator.* Sermons, Tuesday morning, Rev. Samuel Bowker, of Wells. Daniel 9: 20, 21; Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Nathaniel Richardson, of Biddeford, John 13: 34, 35. Topics discussed: Christian responsibility,—as to one's own holiness and growth in grace; to the family; to other church members; to the prayer-meetings; the sabbath school; to those without a good hope in Christ; and to the spread of Christ's kingdom in the earth. The report of the churches, by Rev. S. Hayward, was encouraging. Rev. Charles H. Gates, and Rev. Joseph Smith, added remarks respecting the revivals in Buxton and Cornish. Pastoral address by Rev. George S. Kemp, of Newfield. Closing service, administration of the Lord's Supper.

Rev. GEORGE LEWIS installed pastor Congregational church, Alfred.

Rev. Charles H. Gates, late of Oskaloosa, Wisconsin, called to church in Buxton, Oct., 1868. Rev. Joseph Freeman (ordained pastor church in Prospect, March 18, 1846) called to First church, York, July, 1869. Rev. James Richards, of Binghamton, N. Y., a graduate of Union College, 1833, and Auburn Seminary, 1836, is supplying the church in Sanford, May, 1869.—John Bragdon, licentiate from Bangor Seminary, supplying at South Sanford, August, 1869.

Rev. Philip Titcomb, left Limerick for Carlton and Plympton, Mass., October, 1868. Rev. Albion H. Johnson left Limington for Andover, Mass., October, 1868. Rev. Edward Chase left Kennebunk, September, 1868, and supplied Williston Chapel, Portland; ordained pastor, Bedford, Mass. February 17, 1869; sermon, Rev. Stephen R. Dennen, of Waltham, Mass.; closing address, Rev. John W. Chickering, his former pastor at Portland. Rev. Nathaniel Richardson closed his labors with First church, Biddeford, March 1, 1869; goes to West Brooksville. Rev. Charles Peabody, of Eliot, has a call to Epsom, N. H., and commenced labors there May, 1869.

Rev. Otis Holmes, pastor in Eliot, 1858 to 1865, called from Sandwich, N. H., to New Village, L. I., August 1, 1868. Rev. John H. Windsor, pastor, Saco, 1864–68, installed pastor Grafton, Mass., September 20, 1868. Rev. William H. Cutler (formerly of Eliot, 1865), Hopkinton, N. H., called to South church, Kennebunk, August, 1868; declined. Rev. Jonathan B. Cook, pastor Second church, Wells, 1855 to '67, installed pastor Salisbury, N. H., January 13, 1869; sermon by Rev. Joseph Blake, formerly of Cumberland. Rev. Benjamin G. Page, pastor in Lebanon, 1865–67, stated supply Great Falls, N. H., 1867; stated supply Greenwood, Mass., November, 1868; Pleasant Hill, Mass., 1869. Rev. Samuel H. Partridge, stated supply Second church, York, 1859 to '67, in Peterboro', N. H., Nov., 1868; Greenfield, N. H., July, 1869. Rev. Joseph Bartlett, pastor, Buxton, 1847–'68, stated supply South New Market, N. H., January, 1869. Rev. Rufus M. Sawyer, supplied in June, 1869, his former charge First church, York. Rev. William Clark, pastor First church, Wells, 1829–'37, chaplain of New Hampshire Legislature, 1869.

The ladies of Second church, Biddeford, have raised by lectures $150 toward contemplated repairs on their house of worship, April, 1869. The meeting-house of South church, Buxton, is undergoing repairs, June, 1869. The Pavilion church, Biddeford, have purchased a parsonage,—the house now occupied by the pastor, Rev. Charles Tenney, April, 1869.

The Second church, Biddeford, has a new church manual, prepared by the pastor, Rev. John D. Emerson, 31 pages, 12mo. History of this church, published in Congregational Quarterly, April, 1869, p. 241 to 248, by the pastor.

The pastors of the churches in Biddeford have conducted meetings to promote temperance. Five hundred signed the pledge, April, 1869.

Religious interest in South Berwick, Cornish, Buxton, Parsonsfield. Account published December, 1868, February, 1869.

Reminiscences of Limerick. Portland Transcript, August 22, 1868.

Mrs. Hannah Gooch, of Second Parish, Wells, bequeathed $1000 to that church; $500 toward a Parish library. Legacies to American Board Commissioners Foreign Missions, Maine Missionary Society, American Bible Society, and other societies, amounting to $14,000. December, 1868.

Young Men's Christian Association dedicated their new hall, November 11, 1868.

York County Christian Convention, held at South Berwick, December 22, 24, 1868, Col. J. M. Stone, of Kennebunk, *President;* Rev. O. W. Scott, *Secretary.* Topics discussed: Lay preaching. Duties of churches in reference to moral reforms. How can the influence of Christian homes be increased? Pastoral visiting. The best means of promoting spirituality in the churches. Sabbath school literature. Discourses by Rev. John Hubbard, on nearness to the cross. Rev. John D. Emerson, on the Mediation of the Christian Church.

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COUNTY CONFERENCES.	No of Churches in Conferences.	Pastors.	Stated Supplies.	Licentiates.	Total Pastors, Stated Supplies and Licentiates.	Average Ministerial age.	Average Pastoral age.	Average age Stated Supply.	*Members May 2, 1869.* Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	*Admitted.* Profession.	Letter.	Total.	*Removed.* Deaths.	Dismission.	Excluded.	Total.	*Baptisms.* Adults.	Infants.	Total.	Number in Sabbath Schools.	Contributions in the Churches.
Aroostock	12	0	7	3	10	15	0	4	116	209	325	55	25	10	35	00	00	0	00	2	6	8	585	$ 82
Cumberland	38	14	11	0	25	19	9	4	1522	3,616	5,138	738	157	94	251	77	83	6	166	107	41	148	4,848	13,053
Franklin	11	2	7	0	9	16	7	5	298	490	788	155	13	22	35	6	22	1	29	9	6	15	827	910
Hancock	13	2	4	3	9	27	24	2	293	720	1,013	180	15	5	20	17	9	0	26	7	10	17	1,115	1,640
Kennebec	15	4	7	1	12	19	3	3	357	946	1,303	235	36	37	73	32	26	0	58	24	11	35	2,276	2,842
Lincoln and Sagadahoc	23	6	8	0	14	15	8	4	587	1,599	2,186	384	44	16	60	37	34	2	73	26	16	42	2,025	3,995
Oxford	15	5	3	2	10	18	5	3	283	651	934	209	22	25	47	23	21	3	47	18	7	25	1,070	575
Penobscot	16	4	6	1	11	15	5	3	492	1,169	1,661	345	93	30	123	21	36	2	59	57	21	78	2,149	5,840
Piscataquis	9	2	2	0	4	10	12	2	208	390	598	117	12	7	19	10	12	0	22	8	3	11	730	489
Somerset	11	2	4	2	8	23	6	5	188	376	564	129	15	5	20	12	8	1	21	12	0	12	840	682
Union	17	4	6	2	12	20	15	4	392	747	1,139	201	8	5	13	20	20	0	40	4	11	15	1,282	1,028
Waldo	12	5	2	0	7	9	5	2	203	552	755	108	13	10	23	12	10	0	22	9	6	15	891	1,097
Washington	20	2	5	6	13	15	6	8	344	824	1,168	226	42	11	53	17	18	1	36	31	5	36	1,938	2,563
York	28	5	13	1	19	20	3	3	689	1,708	2,397	434	51	40	91	45	38	7	90	44	8	52	2,137	4,266
Fourteen.	240	57	85	21	163	*Average,below*			5972	13,.97	19,969	3516	546	317	863	329	337	23	689	358	151	509	22,713	$39,063

One church dropped from the list,—Bradford, organized March 21, 1836. Three churches have been formed, though not added to the Conference when reports were made. The Ligonia Welsh Congregational church, Cape Elizabeth, formed March 21, 1869; North New Portland, May 27, 1869; and Caribou, Aroostook county, July 18, 1869.

Adding thirty-four ordained ministers without pastoral charge, not in the *Tab'es*, and deducting two who were stated supply in more than one Conference, the whole number of ministers is one hundred and seventy-four. Number of licentiates, thirty-seven. Ministers dismissed, nine. Pastors installed, three. Pastors ordained, four. Evangelists ordained, six. Ministers deceased, three; and seven formerly residing in the State.

Average ministerial age of all ordained ministers in the State, eighteen years; of the thirty-four who have no pastoral charge, thirty years. Average time of settlement of fifty-seven over the churches of which they are now pastors, eight years. Average time of settlement of eighty-five stated supplies, four years. Average time to each Conference may be seen in the above table.

The number received by profession and letter, 863. Removed by death, dismission, and exclusion, 689 (increase, 174). Baptisms, 509. Contributions, $39,063 Total membership, 19,969. Non-residents, 3516. Number in sabbath schools, 22,713 (increase over last year, 790).

The above table includes some returns not received when the report was read, as appears on page 34.

Decrease of total membership from last year, 121. Decrease in nine Conferences, viz.: Hancock, 13; Lincoln and Sagadahoc, 42; Oxford, 20; Piscataquis, 19; Somerset, 17; Union, 42; Waldo, 29; Washington, 47; York, 76. Total, 305. Increase in five Conferences, viz.: Aroostook, 33; Cumberland, 45; Franklin, 2; Kennebec, 13; Penobscot, 91. Total, 184.

While the total membership of the churches shows a decrease of 121, the actual additions, above the removals, were 174. The discrepance is owing to some error in the total number of members returned by the churches. It is important that the Scribes of churches should see that their returns agree with the previous year,—adding the receptions, and deducting the removals for the year, for which they report.

Of the contributions, $13,000 was for Home Missions; $12,000, Foreign Missions; $5000, American Missionary Association; $1700, Tract Societies; $1000, American Bible Society; $800, American Education Society; $900, American and Foreign Christian Union; $1000, Seamen; $400 Maine Congregational Charitable Society; $300 American Congregational Union.

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A class of thirteen is expected to graduate in 1869. A number of them have already engaged to enter some of the missionary fields of our own State. We believe this to be good policy. The best ministers, and especially missionaries for Maine, are those educated in Maine. The training at Bangor is, we think, not surpassed anywhere in preparing men for the work needed in our own State.

Professor Barbour entered upon his duties at the opening of the present Seminary year. He is a valuable acquisition to the Institution, and all having its interests at heart have abundant cause of devout gratitude that the vacancy caused by the death of the lamented Shepard, has been so speedily and ably filled. The Committee are happy to learn that he has awakened fresh interest in the studies of his department, and discharges its functions with admirable facility and vigor. He has also drawn toward him the hearts of those who have heard him in the pulpit, and exemplifies there his own teaching as to how the gospel should be preached. We congratulate this Conference on this valuable accession to our numbers and strength.

While your Committee would express a high degree of satisfaction with the examination as a whole, it has occurred to them that a more thorough and critical test of the knowledge acquired by the students is desirable. If we would have theological education keep abreast with that in scientific and normal schools, something more is needed to encourage and stimulate sacred studies. Would not more critical test-examinations help to supply this want? Our Seminary ought to keep pace with the best training schools in the world. Without lowering the old standard of spirituality, and practical fitness for the work, is it not possible to excite a higher ambition for excellence in exact scholarship, by such tests of faithful study as shall honor real acquisitions, so that the diploma of our Seminary shall have even a higher significance and value than has yet been accorded it? By suggesting this, as those who carefully and even tenderly watch over its interests, we wish no reflection upon the past, but only to keep this, our highest institution of learning, in sympathy with educational progress.

The financial interest of the Seminary still demand our attention. Dea. I. Washburn, of Worcester, Mass., has died within the year, and added to his former generous benefactions a legacy of $20,000, to be paid when other friends of the Institution shall give a like sum for its benefit. At their last annual meeting the trustees decided to raise $100,000 to complete the endowment. In their judgment this sum, when realized, will render further contributions to meet current expenses unnecessary.

The deficiency of income to meet current expenses during the year ending June 1, 1869, amounts to nearly $4000. This deficiency has been met, in part, by drawing from certain permanent funds of the Seminary available for this purpose; and in part, by donations from its friends. The balance was borrowed.

It is to provide for this annual deficit of income that the $100,000 is to be raised. For this purpose, and to make Mr. Washburn's legacy available, Rev. H. A. Shorey was employed to solicit subscriptions. His solicitations have been so far generously responded to, and he has raised about $24,000. So that, with the legacy above mentioned, the proposed endowment has now reached $44,000,—leaving $56,000 to complete the $100,000 desired to complete the work. In this work Mr. Shorey is still engaged, and we bespeak for him a patient hearing and a generous response by the pastors and churches as yet uninvited.

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Sidney	1829, Feb. 25	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	6	13	19	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	30	40
Vassalboro'	1818, July 28	Thomas Adams, s.s.	1818, Aug. 26	1864, May 8	51	..	4	32	36	9	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	70	29
Waterville	1828, Aug. 21	Benjamin A. Roble.	1866, Mar. 22	1866, Mar. 22	3	3	39	101	140	49	1	1	2	1	3	0	4	1	0	143	194
Windsor	1820, Aug.	No ordinances.	No report.	As last year.	..	..	3	7	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	1
Winslow	1828, Aug. 27	John Dinsmore, s.s.	1852, Nov. 18	1862, June 10	17	..	16	69	85	27	3	3	6	1	0	0	1	1	0	† 225	114
Winthrop	1776, Sept. 4	Edward P. Baker, s.s.	1858, Oct. 13	1865, Nov. 1	11	..	57	110	167	0	5	5	10	3	4	0	7	3	0	160	98
Fifteen.		*4 Past., 8 S.S.=12.*	*Av. Min'l $*	*Pastoral age*	19	3	357	946	1303	235	36	37	73	32	26	0	58	24	11	2276	$2842

Average age Stated Supply, 3 years. * Of which, 500 are in seven Mission schools. † Of which, 125 are in a Union school at North Vassalboro'.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Rev. Wales Lewis, of Pittston, ordained Sept. 27, 1826.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING in Clinton, October 27, 28, 1868. Bro. J. B. Bradbury, of Waterville, *Moderator*. Sermons, Rev. Austin L. Park, Gal. 3: 20,—God is one; Rev. Josiah T. Hawes, 2 Cor. 4: 7,—Treasure in earthen vessels; Rev. Charles G. McCully, John 15: 15,—I have called you friends; Rev. David Q. Cushman, Gal. 6: 14,—God forbid I should glory; Rev. William C. Curtis, 2 Cor. 6: 1,—Receive not the grace of God in vain. Topics for remarks: Value of the gospel to man's temporal and spiritual interests; Duty of the people to support the gospel; Hindrances to the support of the gospel in our smaller communities. Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Benjamin A. Roble, and Rev. Thomas Adams.

FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING in Pittston, June 8, 9, 1869. J. P. Bradbury, of Waterville, *Moderator*. Opening sermon, Rev. Benjamin A. Roble, Matt. 5: 14,—Ye are the light of the world. Sermon, Tuesday evening, Rev. John Dinsmore. Conference sermon, Rev. Joel F. Bingham, Psalm 23: 5,—"Thou preparest a table," etc. Theme: The unpreventable mercies of God, the ground of comfort, and guarantee of glory. Subjects for discussion: 1. The family,—its government, and its instruction. 2. How shall the interests of the Pittston Sabbath School be promoted. 3. How shall we reach the non-church-going population. A committee was appointed to inquire how our churches can be brought to take more interest in the meetings of Conference, and report next meeting, viz.: Rev. Edward P. Baker of Winthrop, Rev. Charles G. McCully of Hallowell, and Dea. M. J. Metcalf of Monmouth. Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Josiah T. Hawes of Litchfield, and Rev. William C. Curtiss of Richmond.

On the 26th day of August, 1868, the semi-centennial anniversary of the settlement of Rev. Thomas Adams was observed at Winslow, by the churches in Vassalboro', Winslow, Waterville, Benton, and Clinton,—the territory then occupied by him. Mr. Adams preached, Acts 26: 22. Rev. Isaac Rogers of Farmington, Rev. A. Drinkwater of Baptist church, Waterville, Rev. Benjamin Tappan of Norridgewock, Rev. Thomas G. Mitchell of Madison, and Rev. John Dinsmore of Winslow, participated in the services. Refreshments provided in a grove.

Afternoon, social union.—Rev. John Dinsmore in the chair. Prayer, Rev. Charles G. McCully; Singing, by a choir; Reading of letters; Original hymn, by Geo. Kent, Esq., of Brunswick, a classmate of Mr. A.; Addresses by Geo. Kent, Rev. I Rogers, Rev. B. Tappan, E. J. Peet, Esq. of Norridgewock, Hon. Simon Page of Hallowell, Dea. C. Keith, and A. M. Billings, Esq.; Benediction, by Rev. Daniel M. True of Methodist church, Winslow.

Rev. J. W. Dodge, formerly of Gardiner, installed pastor First church, Yarmouth, Mass., December 30, 1868.

Rev. J. K. Noble, formerly of Winthrop, installed pastor of University Heights church, Cleveland, Ohio, June, 1869.

The church in Gardiner raised $2200 for a bell, organ, carpets, etc. for their meeting-house, January, 1869.

[Continued on page 51.]

Forenoon, July 28.—Examination of the Middle class.

Afternoon.—Annual Sermon before the Alumni, by Rev. George M. Adams, of Portsmouth, N. H. (1847), Luke 15:1,—"Then drew near unto Him all the publicans and sinners, for to hear him." How shall the gospel be made to reach the people more generally? Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. John G. Bailey, of Hydepark, Vt. (1862), and the Preacher. A committee appointed to confer with the Trustees and Faculty of the Seminary in reference to the semi-centennial anniversary of the Seminary, which occurs next year. A committee, also, to report in reference to future meetings of the Alumni.

Reference was made to the deaths during the past year. Alumnus,—(1820) Rev. Elijah Jones, in Minot, April 29, 1869, æt. 79; (1838) Rev. John Orr, Melrose, Mass., Jan. 25, 1869, æt. 56; (1840) Rev. John Albert Perry, Guilford, Me., Oct. 16, 1868, æt. 65; (1846) Rev. Lemuel Chandler Spofford, La Porte, Indiana, April 12, 1869, æt. 53; (1847) Rev. Wheelock Craig, Neufchatel, Switzerland, Nov. 28, 1868, æt. 46; (1849) Rev. Benjamin Chapman Chase, Foxcroft, Oct. 13, 1868, æt. 49; Eli P. Littlefield, Wells, Jan. 11, 1869, æt. 47.

The inauguration of Rev. WILLIAM MACLEOD BARBOUR, as Professor of Sacred Rhetoric. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine, and Rev. Benjamin Tappan, of Norridgewock,—Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Searsport, President of the Board of Trustees, made a few remarks, and referred to the Articles of Faith, as provided in the organization, by the founders of the Seminary, to which Mr. Barbour gave assent, appending his signature to the same. Rev. George E. Adams, of Brunswick, of the Board of Trustees, with brief words of encouragement and welcome, introduced the inaugural discourse of Professor Barbour.

Prof. B. responded to the welcome, and proceeded to deliver his address; announcing as his topic, The eloquence of the pulpit, is the eloquence of thought.

Thursday, July 29.—Services connected with the graduating of the Senior class. Thirteen received diplomas. Address to the class, by Rev. Professor John R. Herrick. Prayer, by the President, Dr. Pond; and by Rev. Charles W. Morse, of the Methodist Church, Gardiner. Music, by a Quartette.

Evening.—Address before the Societies, by Hon. Thomas Russell, of Boston. Theme, The Scholar in active life. Prayer, by Rev. Joseph Smith, of Buxton Center.

BOWDOIN COLLEGE, BRUNSWICK.

Incorporated June 24, 1794.

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OXFORD CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting second Tuesday and Wednesday in June.—Organized in Bridgton, January 16, 1824.—Semi-Annual Meeting, third Tuesday and Wednesday in Oct.

Churches.—1869, May 2.—Ministers. Ch. Mem., May 2, 1869.—Admitted.—1868.—Removed. Baptized.

Place and Name	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Inst. or S. S.	M.A.	P.A.	Male	Fem.	Tot	Abs	Prf	Let.	Tot	Dth	Dis	Ex.	Tot	Adl	Inf	S. Sch	Cont.
Andover	1800, Nov. 8	Amasa Loring, s. s.	1842, June 15	1868, Dec. 1	27	..	33	52	85	16	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	85	$ 17
Bethel, 1st	1799, Oct. 7	Eugene H. Titus.	1866, Feb. 15	1868, Mar. 1	3	1	42	86	128	24	1	5	6	2	2	2	6	1	0	105	78
Bethel, 2d	1849, Jan. 31	David Garland.	1849, Aug. 15	1849, Aug. 15	20	20	26	55	81	14	0	0	0	2	6	0	8	0	1	98	132
Dixfield	1806, May 8	John Elliot, s. s.	1831, Aug. 2	1867, June 2	38	..	3	17	20	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	6
Gilead	1818, June 20	Thomas M. May, s.s.	Licentiate.	1869, Aug. 1	..	..	3	13	16	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	5
Gorham, N. H.	1862, Mar. 18	George F. Tewksbury, s.s.	1838, Jan. 31	1868, Sept. 15	31	..	4	31	35	8	9	1	10	0	0	0	0	6	4	65	40
Norway, 1st	1804, Oct. 6	Thomas T. Merry.	1864, June 9	1866, Nov. 1	5	3	13	41	54	15	2	2	4	3	0	0	3	2	0	75	15
Norway, 2d	1853, Jan. 18	Thomas T. Merry.	1864, June 9	1866, Nov. 1	..	..	14	49	63	24	4	2	6	2	4	0	6	3	1	112	00
Oxford	1826, May 31	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	7	32	39	12	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	60	30
Rumford	1803, Aug. 5	John Elliot, s. s.	1831, Aug. 2	1859, Dec. 31	..	..	13	18	31	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	40	7
Shelburne, N.H.	1818, Aug. 26	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	00
South Paris	1812, Nov. 4	John B. Wheelwright.	1850, Oct. 16	1867, Dec. 4	19	1	56	108	164	32	2	7	9	3	3	0	6	2	0	135	150
Sumner	1802. Sept. 9	Henry H. Hutchinson, s.s.	Licentiate.	1868, Aug. 1	..	..	28	62	90	26	0	0	0	3	4	1	8	0	0	70	30
Turner	1803, Oct. 18	Ferdinand W. Dickinson.	1868, June 17	1868, May 10	1	1	38	73	111	26	3	7	10	3	2	0	5	3	1	100	65
Upton	1862, Mar. 13	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	3	11	14	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	00
Fifteen.		*5 Past., 5 S. S.=10.*	*Av. Min'l §*	*Pastoral age*	18	5	283	651	934	209	22	25	47	23	21	3	47	18	7	1070	$ 575

Average age Stated Supply, 3 years.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Rev. Henry Richardson, Gilead, ordained Nov. 23, 1831; Rev. S. Gerard Norcross, Turner, ordained Oct. 11, 1859.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING in Gorham, N. H., October 20, 21. Dea. Josiah Brown, of Bethel, *Moderator*. Opening sermon, Rev. Eugene H. Titus, Matt. 22: 41,—What think ye of Christ? Rev. Ferdinand W. Dickinson, 2 Cor. 4: 10,—Bearing about in our body the dying of the Lord Jesus. Themes for discussion: 1. The divine authority of the Bible. 2. Responsibility of Christians with reference to the dissemination of the principles of the Bible,—(1) in the application of its principles to family government; (2) to Sabbath Schools; (3) to Temperance; (4) to the community immediately around us; (5) to the world generally. Christians must be true, in thinking and acting. Report of the Churches. Ordinance of the Lord's Supper administered, Rev. John B. Wheelwright and Rev. Thomas T. Merry officiating. The conference was a season of much interest to those present.

FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING with the First church in Bethel, June 1, 2, 1869. Rev. J. B. Wheelwright, *Moderator*. Opening sermon, Rev. J. Elliot. Themes for discussion: Preaching to the young, and prayer-meeting. Tuesday evening. Installation of Rev. E. H. Titus. Wednesday morning, annual meeting of Oxford Conference Bible Society; Report of Sabbath Schools; Report of the state of religion in the churches; Conference meeting. Wednesday afternoon, Conference sermon, Rev. George F. Tewksbury, of Gorham, N. H., Text, 1 Cor. 1: 5. Theme: the spiritual gifts of Christians.

Rev. EUGENE H. TITUS installed as pastor of the First Congregational church, Bethel, June 1, 1869. Introductory services, Rev. George F. Tewksbury, of Oxford; Sermon, Rev. L. Root Eastman, of East Somerville, Mass.; Installing prayer, Rev. John Elliot, of Rumford; Charge, Rev. John B. Wheelwright, of South Paris; Right hand, Rev. F. W. Dickinson, of Turner; Address to people, Rev. Thomas T. Merry, of Norway; Concluding prayer, Rev. David Garland, of Bethel; Benediction by pastor. [Rev. J. B. Wheelwright, *Moderator of Council*: Rev. F. W. Dickinson, *Scribe*.]

Holland B. Frye, who was stated supply at Andover from March 1, 1868, has gone West as professor in a college.

Religious interest in Gorham, N. H., May, 1869.

Jackman Chapman, of Bethel, bequeathed $500 to Maine Missionary Society, and $500 to Second church, Bethel, April, 1869.

Frederick E. Shaw, of Paris Hill, *Scribe and Treasurer*; Dea. T. G. Goodwin, of Norway, *Reporter of Sabbath Schools*. Next meeting in Dixfield, October 19, 20, 1869.

OXFORD ASSOCIATION formed in Norway, June 11, 1822, meets second Tuesday in May, July, and September. Rev. Thomas T. Merry, of Norway, *Scribe*.

CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS.

Office and Reading Room of the AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL UNION, Rev. Ray Palmer, Secretary, No. 49 Bible House, Astor Place, New York City. Rev. C. Cushing, Secretary, No. 16 Tremont Temple, Boston. N. A. Calkins, Treasurer, No. 146 Grand Street, New York; Rev. Leonard Bacon, of New Haven, Conn., President; Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath, Vice-president, from Maine. Object,—"To aid feeble Congregational Churches in building houses of worship." Churches in Maine aided the past year,—Cornish, $500; Norway, $250.

Office of the AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Congregational Building, No. 40 Winter Street, Room No. 3, Boston. Edw. S. Tobey, Esq., of Boston, President; Rev. George E. Adams, of Brunswick, and Hon. William W. Thomas, of Portland, Vice-presidents, from Maine. Donations and Deposits of books, &c., and donations of money, should be sent to the Corresponding Secretary and Librarian, Rev. I. P. Langworthy, 40 Winter Street, Boston. Object,—"A Congregational Library, such as is not in the world, and a suitable building to keep it in, and furnish a CONGREGATIONAL HOME."

Office of the CONGREGATIONAL SABBATH SCHOOL AND PUBLISHING SOCIETY, No. 13 Cornhill, Boston. Hon. Charles T. Russell, of Cambridge, Mass., President; Rev. Enoch Pond, Vice-president from Maine; Rev. A. Bullard, Sec. of S. S. Dept.; Dr. William Barrows, Sec. of Theo. and Gen. Publication Department; M. H. Sargent, Treasurer, Boston.

The Congregational General Association, of Oregon, meets on Thursday, before the third Saturday in June (16), 1870, in Albany, Linn County.

Bro. H. L. Chamberlain, of San Francisco, California, though not a Delegate, yet represented the Congregational Association of California, by his presence at this session of our General Conference in Bangor.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS.

Organized in the following towns: Andover, Auburn, Augusta, Bangor, Bath, Biddeford, Brunswick, Dexter, Dover, Farmington, Gardiner, Gorham, Gray, Greene, Hallowell, Leeds, Lewiston, Mechanic Falls, Norway, Oxford, Portland, Richmond, Saccarappa, Saco, Skowhegan, Waterville, Weld, Winthrop, Wiscasset, Yarmouth.

To these, and to the churches, young people and others coming to reside where they exist, may be commended for acquaintance and fellowship.

The State Association met at Bath, October 20, 21, 1868.

The Fourteenth International Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association of the United States and the British Provinces, was held in Portland, July 15-19, 1869.

***** It was not designed by the publishing committee that the matter now on page 40 should occupy that space; and the last four paragraphs were not prepared for the Minutes, but were to be appended to a slip from the Tables to be sent as indicated in the resolution of Conference in second paragraph.**

MINISTERS INSTALLED DURING THE YEAR ENDING MAY 2, 1869.

Rev. Charles Packard	First church, Waldoboro'	June 9, 1868	Minutes, 1868, page 96
Rev. Smith Baker, jr.	Cong'l church, Orono	July 31, 1868	Minutes, 1868, page 99
Rev. Charles C. Parker	Cong'l church, Gorham	Aug. 19, 1868	Minutes, 1869, page 43

ORDAINED.

Rev. Amos F. Shattuck	Evangelist, Durham	June 8, 1868	Minutes, 1868, page 91
Rev. Ferdinand W. Dickinson	Cong'l church, Turner	June 17, 1868	Minutes, 1868, page 97
Rev. Royal M. Cole	Evangelist and Miss'ry	July 30, 1868	Minutes, 1868, page 99
Rev. John W. Pierce	Evangelist and Miss'ry	July 30, 1868	Minutes, 1868, page 99
Rev. Addison Blanchard	Pastor, So. Bridgton	Sept. 9, 1868	Minutes, 1869, page 54
Rev. Frederic E. Sturgess	Pastor, Skowhegan	Oct. 1, 1868	Minutes, 1869, page 53
Rev. Rufus K. Harlow	Evangelist, Portland	Oct. 15, 1868	Minutes, 1869, page 43
Rev. Ernest F. Borchers	N. Bridgton & Harrison	Jan. 14, 1869	Minutes, 1869, page 58
Rev. Thomas E. Babb,	Evangelist, Eastport	Jan. 19, 1869	Minutes, 1869, page 56
Rev. Philander Thurston	Evangelist, E. Machias	Jan. 19, 1869	Minutes, 1869, page 56

DISMISSED.

Rev. Abram Maxwell	Cong. church, Sumner	May 5, 1868	Minutes, 1868, page 106
Rev. John H. Windsor	First church, Saco	May 12, 1868	Minutes, 1868, page 106
Rev. Andrew J. Smith	Cong. church, Rockport	July 27, 1868	Minutes, 1869, page 55
Rev. Smith Baker, jr.	Chs. Veazie and Up. Stillwater	July 31, 1868	Minutes, 1868, page 99
Rev. Stephen C. Strong	Cong. church, Gorham	Aug. 19, 1868	Minutes, 1869, page 43
Rev. Frank. E. Fellows	Cong. church, Bridgton	Dec. 8, 1868	Minutes, 1869, page 58
Rev. Augustus F. Beard	Central church, Bath	Feb. 8, 1869	Minutes, 1869, page 48
Rev. Joseph Danielson	Second church, Westbrook	Mar. 23, 1869	Minutes, 1869, page 44
Rev. Henry L. Hall	High street church, Auburn	Mar. 24, 1869	Minutes, 1869, page 44

RESIGNED, OR ASKED DISMISSION.

Rev. John W. C. Pennington	Fourth ch., Portland	June, 1868	Minutes, page 44
Rev. David S. Hibbard	Mt. Desert	Oct., 1868	Minutes, page 46
Rev. Albion H. Johnson	Limington	Oct., 1868	Minutes, page 58
Rev. Philip Titcomb	Limerick	Oct., 1868	Minutes, page 58
Rev. Samuel S. Drake	Second ch. Deer Isle	Nov., 1868	Minutes, page 46
Rev. William W. Dow	West Brooksville	Jan., 1869	Minutes, page 46
Rev. George N. Marden	Orland	Jan., 1869	Minutes, page 46
Rev. Nathan F. Carter	North Yarmouth	Mar., 1869	Minutes, page 44
Rev. John A. Douglass	Cong. ch., Waterford	Mar., 1869	Minutes, page 58
Rev. Nathaniel Richardson	First church, Biddeford	Mar., 1869	Minutes, page 58
Rev. George P. Tyler	Bucksport	Mar., 1869	Minutes, page 46
Rev. H. Allen Shorey	Oldtown	April, 1869	Minutes, page 51
Rev. Ebenezer S. Jordan	Cumberland	May, 1869	Minutes, page 44
Rev. Edward C. Miles	Second ch., Falmouth	May, 1869	Minutes, page 44

Ministers now ***Pastor*** *of the church over which they have been installed ten years, or more.*—Rev. John A. Douglass, Waterford, forty-eight years (resigned, but not dismissed); Rev. George Adams, Brunswick, Fiske, Bath, forty years; Rev. Sewall Tenney, Ellsworth, thirty-four years; Rev. John ster B. Thayer, Garland, twenty-six years; Rev. John J. Carruthers, Portland, twenty-three years; Rev. ther Wiswall, Windham, twenty-one years; Rev. David Garland, Bethel, twenty years; Rev. lkam, Lewiston, thirteen years; Rev. Wooster Parker, Belfast, twelve years; Rev. Benjamin pan, Norridgewock, Rev. Charles Tenney, Biddeford, and Rev. James Wells, Dedham, each en years; Rev. David B. Sewall, Fryeburg, ten years.

URCH EDIFICES DEDICATED.—North New Portland, January 10, 1869, Minutes, page 45; Cumnd Mills, July 8, 1869, page 44.

MODELED AND DEDICATED.—Second Church, Searsport, August 7, 1868, Minutes, page 55; Church, New Castle, Nov. 24, 1868, page 48; Topsham, Feb. 4, 1869, page 51.

OVATED.—South Freeport, August, 1868, Minutes, page 44; Gardiner, January, 1869, page 47; ad, April, 1869, page 52; Fryeburg, page 59; Belfast, Perry, and Temple, page 34.

ROCESS OF ERECTION.—Wilton, March, 1869, in place of one destroyed by heavy snows, s, page 45; Weld, procuring subscriptions, May, 1869, page 45; High Street Church, Portn place of one damaged by fire, Feb'y 2, 1869. Corner stone laid, July 17, 1869, Minutes, ; Chatham, page 59.

E REMODELED OR REPAIRED.—South Church, Buxton, June 1, 1869, Minutes, page 58; Church, Biddeford, page 58; South Bridgton, page 59.

RY DEDICATED.—Payson Memorial Church, April 15, 1869, Minutes, page 44.

RY ENLARGED.—Fryeburg, Nov. 1868, page 59.

ONAGE.—Second Church, Biddeford, April, 1869, Minutes, page 58.

CONSTITUTION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN MAINE.

REVISED JUNE 22, 1869.

ARTICLE 1. This Conference shall be called the GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MAINE.

ART. 2. The General Conference shall consist of six delegates from each County Conference which has twenty or more churches,—three ministers and three laymen; and four delegates from each County Conference which has less than twenty churches,—two ministers and two laymen; and also of the officers, preachers, and committees for the time for which they were chosen, the delegates who the preceding year fulfilled their appointment, and the minister of the place where the Conference meets.

ART. 3. Both ministers and others present may, at the discretion of the Moderator, be invited to participate in the deliberations of this Body, though only members shall have the right to vote.

ART. 4. The presiding officer shall be a Moderator, chosen by ballot, to continue in office three years.

ART. 5. There shall be a Corresponding Secretary chosen by ballot, who shall hold his office for three years, whose duty it shall be to conduct the correspondence of the Conference, and also to collect information, and at each meeting exhibit a report of the state of religion within the limits of this Conference.

ART. 6. A Recording Secretary shall have charge of the records of the Conference, who shall be elected by ballot, and hold his office for three years.

ART. 7. The object of the General Conference shall be to promote intercourse and harmony among the churches of the State, and to produce a more extensive co-operation in every good work.

ART. 8. The several County Conferences shall retain their individual rights and privileges; and no ecclesiastical power or authority shall ever be assumed by the General Conference, or be delegated to it.

ART. 9. The Conference shall meet on the Tuesday preceding the fourth Wednesday of June, annually, at nine o'clock A. M., at the place at which the Maine Missionary Society shall hold their annual meeting.

ART. 10. The Annual Meeting of this Conference shall be opened with singing, reading the Scriptures, and prayer; and each subsequent session, whether for business or devotion, shall be opened with reading the Scriptures and prayer.

ART. 11. At each meeting of the Conference, a Committee of Arrangements, consisting of three, shall be appointed for the succeeding meeting, and the subjects to be brought before the Conference shall ordinarily be introduced through their hands, and with their approbation.

ART. 12. This Conference may interchange friendly correspondence with other religious bodies in the habit of such intercourse, and delegates from other bodies to this Conference shall be admitted as honorary members, to participate in the deliberations.

ART. 13. Any County Conference may withdraw from this connection, by assigning to the Recording Secretary their reasons in writing.

ART. 14. The funds of the Conference to be raised by a contribution at each annual meeting, after deducting the incidental expenses, shall be paid into the Treasury of the Maine Missionary Society.

ART. 15. The Lord's Supper shall be administered at the close of the public religious services, or at such other time as Conference may appoint.

ART. 16. The Conference shall establish its own by-laws and regulations, subject to alterations at their future meetings.

ART. 17. The Constitution of this Conference may be altered at an annual meeting of this Body, *by two-thirds of the* members present.

AINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ℜMON AND REPORT,

SIXTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY.

1869.

SERMON.

Heb. 13: 20, 21.—NOW THE GOD OF PEACE, THAT BROUGHT AGAIN FROM THE DEAD OUR LORD JESUS, THAT GREAT SHEPHERD OF THE SHEEP, THROUGH THE BLOOD OF THE EVERLASTING COVENANT, MAKE YOU PERFECT IN EVERY GOOD WORK, TO DO HIS WILL, WORKING IN YOU THAT WHICH IS WELL PLEASING IN HIS SIGHT, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.

THAT portion of the text on which I design more particularly to dwell, treats of the will of God, or the end which he has in view, and the two activities for accomplishing it,—the divine and the human,—one impelled by the other and subordinate to it.

In accomplishing the great ends of his grace, God works through material as truly as through moral agencies. His last end in creation and providence is a moral result. His own immediate agency is active, in every province of his government, to fulfill his counsels. On every hand, for this object, there is a ceaseless divine activity. We can refer but briefly, and in a general way, to the agency of God in the material world for accomplishing his ends of grace.

All the movements of nature seem to be brought about by secondary causes. There is force in the descending water, and that force we refer back to gravitation. There is power in the wind, and material causes further back, set the winds in motion. The electric and magnetic elements are endowed with resistless energy. So of steam. There is a cohesive power that holds bodies together in solid masses. Vegetable life is an active power. So of animal life. But the more we reflect on the nature of things, the more certain it will appear that there can be no active power in matter, of itself. One body of dead, inert matter, whether solid or attenuated, whatever the condition of its existence, cannot really draw another body to itself, nor repel it;

cannot impart motion to it. Mere matter, in the form of an animal or a vegetable, cannot have any such power. The wisest philosophers, tracing back causes, as one thing seems to depend on another, have found them coming out to the manifest fact, that there is a power back of matter, and back of nature, on which everything depends, and which is the great cause of all things; and that cause must be a living spirit.

Nor is it simply that we come back to God, as the great origin of all things. God is the ultimate and efficient cause of all the movements in nature. It is not that he set causes in operation, regulating their movements, and has left them to act one on the other. They really have no power to operate on each other; they seem so to us, but it is only in appearance. All the force is by the impelling hand of God. Each movement among material things is caused by a divine energy. If the winds or waters move, it is because God moves them. The operation of vegetable life, with all its results, is the operation of his power. The body of the animal grows by his energy. Not the less is this so because there is regularity, and the relation of one thing to another, and method, in the whole. And so God himself, as an intelligent and energizing power, having great ends to accomplish, is active wherever we see motion or energy or effect in material things.

It is God's world, inhabited by him, ordered, changed, governed by him. He carries on all its movements even to the minutest details. He has ends which he is pursuing, great results which he is to bring about: what we see and hear is the dust of his chariot wheels, the rumbling of its movements as he passes by. It is a sad mistake to leave God out in our thoughts, as though he were not about us, an active power everywhere, in effecting his ends; as though it were not the movement of his hand that touches us on every side; as though it were not the sweep of his robe that we feel when the wind passes by us. When the storm rushes on, when the waves tumble tumultuous on the shore, when the cloud sails along silently, it is because God himself is acting on them, and acting through them. It is figurative and poetic only in part, there is a foundation of reality in it, when the visible world is conceived of as the material form which God takes on, as if it were a body he inhabited,—he himself the living, energizing soul within.

This is the fact to be ever remembered, that in all material changes God himself is active, and active for effecting his own great ends.—

On the one side of this fact, as a dividing line, is the atheism which leaves God out, dispensing with him wholly, both as to agency and end. There is a mode of philosophizing, which, while not designing this, does yet tend to lead off the mind from God,—withdrawing nature so far from him, that the irreverent mind loses sight of him altogether. On the other side is a pantheism, as comfortless as atheism, and closely akin to it, having a God without personality, impassive, differing little, if at all, from simple eternal necessity. There is then no great end to which all things move, and for which all things are made. The central fact, that gives meaning and unity and harmony to the whole, is left out, viz., that of God and for him and to him are all things. Nowhere else is the wisdom of man so emphatic foolishness as when, running off the track on either side, it falls into atheism or pantheism. The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God.

There is another province,—the moral world,—and there are forces there, changes, causes, effects; is this independent of God? Are its movements aside and apart from him? The two worlds differ. In the moral world we have something higher than matter. Here we find mind, spirit, created and finite, but not less truly a spiritual existence. A spiritual nature once made and continuing to exist, has power in itself, has originating power. It is more than a passive, transmissive agency. Does God leave this world of spiritual agencies to itself? Does he leave these agencies to exercise their powers independent of his influence? Or is he an active force among them, operating on them, operating through them, using them as free intelligences, to secure great ends of his? And if he works on them and through them, may we not be assured that his mode of operating will differ from that by which he moves on matter? Will he not deal with them as intelligent, free, accountable beings?

Working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, make you perfect in every good work to do his will.; and this, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, through Jesus Christ the great Shepherd of the sheep, who, *though* he was put to death in the flesh, came up

again from the dead and liveth forevermore. Here we have God represented as having a will, a purpose, or plan,—as having ends to secure respecting this world. And his plans are represented as effected, in some measure, through human agency: make you perfect to do his will. And that man may do his will, God works in man. This is represented as a blessing secured to man through the agency and the purchase of Jesus Christ. It is in the form of an invocation or blessing; the God of peace grant you this. What can I ask more for you, than that God himself will work in your souls, and make perfect his work there, so that to his pure eyes you shall be well pleasing,—and all for this end, that you thereby may be fitted to do his will. Your highest attainment is to become fitted for his work. He is within your souls, by the exercise of his grace, to make you perfect for this. There is some great end of his, worthy of himself,—some great design commending itself to his infinite wisdom and goodness; and, in effecting it, you may be workers together with him. You may have part, according to your measure, in the accruing blessing.

The end of God, with respect to this world, is that for which Jesus Christ came in the flesh. While he was here he devoted himself to this object. His teachings, his personal influence, his miracles, his life, his sufferings, his death, all were for this. It was into a sinful world that he came. It was man, estranged and alienated from God, that he came to restore. It was man, under the bondage and condemnation of death, that he came to redeem. There is a work of Christ, included in this, into which we cannot enter. There was a wine-press which he trod alone. He finished a higher work, whose greatness and difficulty no human hand could reach.

But there are parts of his work where man may coöperate with him. And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me. Having been lifted, now to extend the power of his cross, now to draw all men unto him; now, to draw each needy and sinful soul to the cross that was lifted up for man's salvation; now, to publish through the world the tidings of deliverance, to constrain men to accept it; and, after they have once come, to gain them over to more intimacy with Christ, becoming more like him, and to become, themselves, active in the same work,—perfect to do his will,—this is now the great end of

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d on the top of a rock in the Southern Atlantic, know-
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people, he said, "I die; but my spirit will return to
in the bosom of the French people, like lightning in the
:loud, will throb in ceaseless revolution." And when,
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ın mind. Alexander, Cæsar, Charlemagne, and myself
ires; but upon what did we rest the creations of our
force. Jesus Christ, alone, founded his empire upon
our, millions of men would die for him. What

an abyss between my deep misery and the eternal kingdom of Christ, which is proclaimed and loved and adored, and which is extending over the whole earth! "—

If any man love me, says Christ, he will keep my sayings, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our abode with him. Dwelling in that heart, working there with sanctifying grace, it is the object of Christ, through that sanctification, to effect a further end, viz., to prepare an instrument and an agent through which to extend his kingdom,—an agent who shall take the place and do the work which he would himself effect, if he were here in bodily presence. He would extend the period of his life on earth through his disciples. He would continue his personal activity here, not through that body which hung on the cross, but through those whom he has drawn to himself and in whom he dwells.

The church of Christ is his visible body; and this continued body of Christ is to do the work which he himself would do, if he had not ascended up on high. His disciples are to exert his influence; they are to speak his words; they are to be his living example; they are to diffuse his spirit; they are to live his life.

The church of Christ is a living temple. Christ lives in each one of his disciples. For what end? There are two general reasons. One is their individual profit, their sanctification, their comfort, their enjoyment. The other is that through them, as his body, he may do that work which he would effect if he were here in the flesh. In a sense that is literal, he would use them as his own body. He would speak through them, and live through them, and work through them.

But in what manner does Christ carry on his work through his church, through each individual disciple?

1. By showing what the gospel is as a life, a life in the human soul, and also a life developed outwardly. He would exhibit the Christian life in its principles, what it is in its hopes, what it is in its comforts and supports, what it is in its high and holy enjoyments, how it can enable man to live, and how enable him to die. He would show that his life begun here in the human heart is the beginning of heaven in the soul. He would exhibit the Christian life as the restoration of God's moral likeness. Christ was God manifest in the flesh,

not in power and wisdom only, but in moral beauty, in divine loveliness. These are the elements, the moral features, which he would waken and stamp anew on the human soul, so that each one so transformed shall show forth, in some proper measure, the likeness of Christ. What he would exhibit if here, they, as standing in his stead, with Christ dwelling in them, and reproduced in them, are to show forth.

But there is another and a peculiar element in them additional to the proper spirit of Christ's life. They are redeemed men. They have felt the power of the cross of Christ. Their life comes from his death. There is marvellous power in a living Christ. But in a dying Christ, his soul in our soul's stead, dying for our redemption, and rising again for our justification; here that power is greatly intensified, not only presenting itself more broadly and deeply, but also embodying elements more effective to move the human heart. It is not merely the Christ whose life has such power as exhibited before his crucifixion, that is to be reproduced in his disciples now; but the Christ who, in addition to this, has laid down his life for a sinful world. He would make to be felt through them the love that carried him to Gethsemane and to Calvary. It is over this electric cord that the fire of heaven comes down by which sin is slain; and over this that God's messages of tenderest love are borne.

2. He carries on his work through his disciples, by making them a medium of divine influence. The direct personal influence of Christ, when on earth, was a power. Aside from his words and his miracles, his influence was mighty. There went virtue out of him and healed the sick, apparently, as we have the record, without any direct action of his. So and much more, morally, a heavenly influence pervaded his presence; there went out from him a moral energy, like the breathing of a heavenly spirit, of soothing and healing and energizing power,—felt by those who surrounded him. It was the diffusion of the spirit of heaven. And it was by him and through him that all the blessings of grace came to the world.

And now that body which he inhabits on earth, that living temple in which he dwells, is to be the medium and channel through which, in like manner, he will bless mankind. It is through them that he would communicate heavenly blessings. The spirit of heaven, the spirit of holiness, the spirit of love, the spirit of pure devotion,—unselfish, un-

earthly, pure, and divine,—attractive, winning, constraining,—this our Saviour would have so full and pervading in his church, that like the waters of the sanctuary, it should flow forth, deepening as it goes.

It is something more than a Christian life in its principles and its activity: it is a moral fragrance which they exhale, the spices of the garden flowing forth; it is the light and the love of God shining upon their souls, and by them reflected upon the world,—as the western cloud gives back the glory of the sun when sunk beyond our sight,—the beauty of the Lord our God upon us; it is Christ himself dwelling in his disciples, and through them making felt by the world his own proper influence,—looking through their eyes, breathing through their words, and making the warmth of his own heart to be felt through their love.

3. He carries on his work through his disciples as an aggressive power, in a warfare against sin, aiming at the conquest of the world. His weapons are not carnal, but spiritual, and mighty to the pulling down of strongholds. Every repenting sinner brought to Christ is a conquest. The power of truth and love, set forth by his disciples, is their weapon. It is to be wielded in faith, with a humble spirit. Its accompaniment must be prayer. The Spirit of God makes it effective. What Christ would do, by his truth and love, by his personal influence, in seeking and saving the lost, he would do now through the instrumentality of those in whom he dwells and in whom he works.

There are special duties in this work of aggressive Christianity, determined by times and conditions. The power of God working outside of his grace as well as within it, has its central object in the extension and triumph of Christ's kingdom. All material forces are for this. All the orderings of providence are for this. The progress of science, the utilizing of material forces, the improvement and extension of Christian civilization, the opening of all parts of the world to the influence of Christian nations, the many influences from all directions falling in together toward the same end,—these are the distinct teachings of providence that the work of the Christian church is now, more than in any other age, the evangelization of the nations. Our own recent eventful history has enfranchised the churches of this country, and greatly increased their moral strength in the work of *missions*.

We have a great work to do abroad. We have a great work to do at home. The tide of population which has been pouring upon our eastern coast from across the Atlantic, is to be met and fully equaled by the overflow of Eastern Asia upon our Western empire. These millions are sent here to be evangelized; and if we perform our full duty to them, we shall in this way, more rapidly than any other, be extending the kingdom of Christ. The Pilgrim and the Puritan were sent here beforehand, by the far-seeing providence of God, on a missionary work, to build the meeting-house and the school-house, and establish institutions for educating and truly Christianizing the European and the Asiatic, who were to come after. The New England church, in its earlier and later history, has been schooled and trained, God working in it that which is well pleasing in his sight, that it might be made perfect herein to do his will.

Our churches in Maine, while having a part in this great work, have a special duty, a missionary work at home. The work which Christ himself would do, to preach the gospel, and plant churches, and gain men over to himself, in every part of this Commonwealth, till its wide area should become like the garden of God,—this work we, in his stead, are to perform for him.

If there were less emigration from our State,—if, instead, the tide of population were pouring in, the work of thorough evangelization might be more rapid. The pupilage of feeble churches would then be shorter. In all these small and dependent churches the absolute increase is retained but in part; no small portion goes out to swell the increase of churches elsewhere,—our spiritual growth actually counted not for ourselves, but for others; but not the less for Christ.

The Home Missionary work in Maine is, therefore, a harder work than at the West. The Master has assigned us a field for this labor where more endurance is necessary. We stand in the place, in this work, where tried and picked men would be stationed. And, having done all, to stand.—A Roman soldier was stationed at one of the gates of the old city of Pompeii. The signs of coming disaster were thickening around him, in the earth and in the air. Vesuvius rocked and thundered, burning lava pouring down the mountain. The ground shivered and quaked. The terrified people fled. Ashes and cinders, stifling and hot, fell thick, and deepened around him. But his

station was there at the gate, and he stood to his post. And, when seventeen centuries had passed, as the city was exhumed, he was standing there, his bony fingers still clasping his weapon!

Let us be careful not to forget that the living temple, the habitation of God through which he carries on his work, is a voluntary being, and can modify and vary the result toward which the influences of God tend. The good work which our Saviour would effect through his disciples, they through want of coöperation, through want of sympathy, through want of earnestness, may hinder. The product is variable according to their fidelity. Had the body of his disciples been perfect in all things to do his will, the whole world, without doubt, would, long ago, have received the gospel. And in any place, the progress of religion is decided by this measure,—the perfectness or imperfectness of that body which bears the name of Christ,—the degree according to which they do those things that are well pleasing in his sight. The conversion of men depends on this. The power of Jesus Christ, in every community, depends on this. The spread of the gospel depends on this.

If Christ dwells in his people, and works through them to build up his kingdom, while the result may be hindered or promoted through their faithfulness or their defect, then—

1. Great responsibility is involved in sustaining this relation. The progress of Christ's kingdom depends, in some true measure, upon each one who bears his name,—whether he yields himself up to that work of God's grace within him; whether he, in his place, is doing, according to his measure, the very things which he is set there to do, the work which Christ himself, if bodily there, would be active in accomplishing; or whether he hinders the work which it is in the heart of Jesus Christ there to effect, and effect through his coöperation. The conversion of souls is to be secured or prevented by the condition, the activity to this end, or the failure herein to do Christ's will, of those through whom the necessary influence must come. Christ works in them for this. They may yield to his influence; they may fail to do their proper work. It depends, in no small measure, on them. It is a responsibility to weigh heavy on the heart; a responsibility that should bring each one very humbly before God for grace

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ondition involves inestimable privilege. There is no other :an compare with Christ's great end, to save the world. work like coöperating with him. There is no condition e and so high, as to be the instruments through which or this end; as if he dwelt within us, using our members, our powers to effect his work. There are no results so ing as the salvation of the soul, and the honor of Jesus d it is the blessed privilege of every disciple to have part . He is part of the living body of Christ, and may be and 1 active instrument in doing Christ's work. Yielding up do the will of the Master, girding ourselves to earnest t labor for this, we may, through God's blessing, be ac- results lasting as eternity,—results, before whose mag- ere worldly interests are without value.

ondition involves profit. In no other way can we so ouls with present good and present happiness. When ngs are poured through us upon others, we are enriched, /s are refreshed by the rivers running through them. is, Tyre, Alexandria, Constantinople, Venice, were made erful by becoming the channels through which the trade it flowed to the West. And what advantages, what what riches, accrue to the soul that is in sympathy with earnestness, all activity, in humble and prayerful ways, to Christ,—to strengthen the hands and strengthen the who are living for God,—with the one absorbing object Master,—walking, laboring, praying as the Master him- vine energy and divine love, free and full and rich, all uring into and through the soul!

s future reward. If it sometimes involve self-denial to st and labor for him, there is accruing blessedness here, great reward hereafter. The way to lay up treasure ies, is to give up ourself here wholly to do the will of ive him more fully to the heart, making him truly wel- tant guest; give him entire possession of the soul;

yield to his influence; be obedient to his will; live as he lived; win souls to Christ; let the entire faculties of the soul be consecrated to self-denying labors to build up his kingdom; and earth is not rich enough to buy the accruing great reward, and time is not long enough to enjoy its enduring blessedness!

XTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

E MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

PRESENTED BY THE TRUSTEES AT THE

IVERSARY MEETINGS, JUNE 22, 1869.

SIXTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY.

JUNE 23, 1869, the MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY held its sixty-second anniversary in the Hammond Street Church, Bangor.

At 9 o'clock A. M., the meeting was opened by devotional exercises, conducted by the President, Rev. George E. Adams.

The annual sermon was preached by the Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine. Text, Heb. 13: 20, 21.

The Treasurer's report was read by the President.

This report was accepted and adopted, and thanks voted to the Treasurer, Joshua Maxwell, Esq., for his able and faithful services, *gratuitously* bestowed.

The report of the Trustees was read by the Secretary; after which a collection was taken, amounting to $111.71.

Several resolutions, proposed by the President, were considered separately, sustained by brief and pertinent speeches and adopted.

1. *Resolved*, That the report of the Trustees, now read by the Secretary, be accepted and printed.

Supported by Rev. J. J. Carruthers.

2. *Resolved*, That the Society cherishes a grateful remembrance of those friends, living or dead, who, during the past year, have aided its operations by their pecuniary gifts, and invokes on them the benediction, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

Supported by Hon. S. P. Benson.

3. *Resolved*, That while we would ever be thankful to God, and encouraged in our work in view of whatever manifest success may attend the operations of this Society, our duty is the same in all circumstances, viz., to sustain the institutions of religion to the extent of our ability, in all the needy portions of our State.

Supported by Rev. C. Cushing and Rev. Prof. W. M. Barbour.

4. *Resolved*, That this Society believes in the fundamental doctrine of the ancient creed, "The communion of Saints;" also, that this article of our faith can in no way be more appropriately carried out in practice than this,—the ministration of the bread and water of life by this Society, to the scattered members of Christ's flock on the distant mountains, and in the secluded valleys of our State.

Addresses by Rev. Messrs. J. Burnham, Dr. Duff of Canada, C. S. Dunning from the Presbyterian Church, and C. Allen from the Methodist Church.

On motion of Rev. E. F. Cutter, it was

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be presented to the Rev. Mr. Ives, for his sermon delivered this day before the Society, and a copy requested for the press.

The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year.

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Rev. GEORGE E. ADAMS.

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Dea. THOMAS R. HAYES,
Mr. GEO. F. THURSTON.

The next annual meeting of the Society is to be held in the Central Church, Portland, on the fourth Wednesday in June, 1870, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Rev. J. K. MASON, Thomaston, first preacher; Rev. ALBERT COLE, Cornish, second preacher.

SIXTY-SECOND REPORT.

The Trustees of the Maine Missionary Society, in presenting their annual report, are reminded that the currents of time every year bear to their eternal home some laborers in the Lord's vineyard. Four Congregational ministers have died the past year in this State, Rev. Messrs. B. C. Chase, J. A. Perry, Elijah Jones, and Charles Soule. Mr. Perry was the only one in the employ of this Society. He was a good man and true. The call of his Master to go up higher was singularly sudden. The day previous he had attended the funeral of his lamented brother Chase, and returned home in usual health. He breakfasted with his family, took his Bible and sat down for morning devotions, and was summoned almost instantly to that world where prayer is exchanged for praise. It is believed that the Rev. Messrs. Jones and Soule had been in the employment of this Society in other years long since past.

Other changes have come over the Congregational ministers of Maine. More than twenty on the catalogue of last year are now beyond the limits of the State. Within the last two years we have lost from the State, by emigration, not less than fifty ministers. This will account for a painful fact, which the Trustees are sorry to state, and the following table will show, that fewer preachers have been employed as missionaries of this Society, than for several previous years.

TABULAR VIEW.

The following table gives a comprehensive view of the various missions of the Society the past year.

For the sake of securing full returns, blank circulars were sent to all the missionaries, with the request that they should be filled and returned by the first of June.

TABULAR VIEW.

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	July 1, 1868	12	200	12									

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Churches and Missionaries.	Commission. Date of	Length.	Appropriations.	Months' Labor.	Average Congregation.	Conversions.	Additions. Profes'n.	Additions. Letter.	Total Number.	Prayer-meeting	Sab. School.	Contributions. Me. Mis. Society.	Contributions. Other objects.
			$									$	$
29—Industry,													
Rev. S. Titcomb.....	Dec. 1, 1868	7	100	7	‡170	1	..	..	39	10	175	.7.00	
30—Jackson and Brooks,					50	..	..	..	....	20	40		
					70	..	..	..	....	....	50		
Rev. Thos. E. Brastow..	July 1, 1868	12	150	12	....	..	1	1	66	....	....	19.00	
31.—Kennebunkport,													
Rev. T. N. Lord.....	Feb. 1, 1869	5	63	5	80	..	..	..	56	....	50	30.00	
32—Kittery,													
Rev. S. S. Drake.....	Nov. 1, 1868	8	133	8	65	..	..	..	28	....	50	20.00	30.00
33—Lee and Springfield,					60	6	8	..	23	30	40		
					50	..	..	..	20				
Rev. C. W. Emerson.....	July 1, 1868	12	350	12									
34—Limerick,													
Rev. P. Titcomb.....	July 1, 1868	12	150	2½	....	1							
Mr. John H. Jones.....	Mar. 25, 1869	1½	40	1½	100	..	..	..	90	20	....	17.50	
35—Limington,													
Rev. A. H. Johnson.....	.....	12	125	2									
Mr. Henry D. Porter....	Mar. 25, 1869	1½	48	1½	100	..	..	..	112	28	100	25.00	
36—Litchfield,													
Rev. J. T. Hawes.....	July 1, 1868	12	150	12	90	..	..	..	64	20	76	16.00	
37—Lovell,					75								
Rev. C. Morgridge.....	Dec. 1, 1868	7	78	7	60	2	..	..	150	30	50	11.35	
38—Madison,													
Rev. T. G. Mitchell.....	July 1, 1868	12	125	12	90	..	2	..	78	9	110	30 00	
39—Mercer, Farmington Falls, South Solon,		1			275	..	2	1	36	45	75	23.00	
					200	..	..	..	12				
					150	..	..	..	14				
Mr. A. J. McLeod.....	Aug. 1, 1868	11½	157	11½									
40—Monmouth,													
Rev. Prof. Stanley, and Students,	July 1, 1868	12	75	11½	150	..	5	3	34	70	75	11.00	15.00
41—Naples,													
Rev. A. Blanchard.....	Oct. 1, 1868	9	75	9½	58	..	..	..	18	....	*50	3.00	
42—North Deer Isle,													
Rev. S. S. Drake.....	.....	4	50										
Mr. Henry B. Hart.....	Jan. 1, 1869	6	154	6½	100	..	..	..	42	30	45	10.00	10.00
43—North Vassalboro',													
Rev. John Dinsmore....	July 1, 1868	12½	75	12½	100	2	2	3	15	15	*125	10.00	30.00
44—North Waterford,													
Rev. J. W. H. Baker....	May 1, 1868	14	175	12	150	4	4	..	76	30	100	23.00	50.50
45—Norway (two churches),	.....				150	..	..	..	55				
Rev. T. T. Merry.....	Nov. 1, 1868	8	133	8	200	..	6	..	70	....	250	30.00	100.00
46—Oldtown,													
Rev. H. A. Shorey.....	July 1, 1868	12	400	6	125	..	15	2	65	25	100	45.00	80.00
47—Oxford,													
Mr. S. F. Gale.....	July 1, 1868	1½	56	1½	65	..	..	..	42	20	55		
48—Presque Isle, Fort Fairfield, Caribou,†					75	3	2	3	17	10	55	5.50	6.50
					100	15	..	..	27	50	100	5.00	
					100								
Rev. F. D. Austin.....	July 1, 1868	12	400	12									
49—Princeton,													
Mr. Geo. B. Buzelle....	Nov. 1, 1868	8	67	8	125	..	..	..	25	....	122	30.00	
50—Rolling Mills,													
Mr. D. A. Evans.....	July 1, 1868	3	104	3	75	2	..	..	30	38	75	.....	120.00
51—Rumford, Dixfield,					80	..	..	..	32	....	68	11.00	
					60	2	..	..	20	....	46	6.00	
Rev. John Elliott.....	July 1, 1868	12	200	12									
52—St. Albans, Plymouth, Palmyra,†					50	..	..	*..	24	7	*85	19.00	
					40	..	..	..	10	....	75	10.10	
					30								
Rev. W. S. Sewall.....	July 1, 1868	12	200	12									
53—Sanford, South,													
Mr. J. T. Graves.....	Mar. 25, 1869	1½	48	1½	60	..	..	..	35	15	46		
54—Standish,													
Rev. Samuel Hopkins...	July 1, 1868	12	150	12	65	..	..	1	29	12	45	17.00	
55—Strong,													
Rev. J. Loring Pratt..	July 1, 1868	12	125	12	125								
56—Sherman, Patten, Island Falls,					100	..	..	..	64	....	100	10.15	15.00
					100	2	3	..	58	....	50	11.65	21.50
					60	..	2	..	20	....	50	2.25	17.00
Rev. W. T. Sleeper.....	July 1, 1868	12	425	12									

† No Congregational church in this place. ‡ In three places of worship. * Union.

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sionaries.	COMMISSION. Date of	Length.	Appropriations.	Months' Labor.	Average Congregation.	Conversions.	ADDITIONS. Profes'n.	ADDITIONS. Letter.	Total Number.	Prayer-meeting	Sab. School.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Me. Mis. Society.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Other objects.
	.....	...	$...	...	150	2	3	1	12	25	40	$20.00	$
	.....	...	...	...	150	..	..	..	50	25	50	47.93	
lson.....	Aug. 1, 1868	3	96	3									
lerton.....	.....	7	142	7									
lutchinson.	Sept. 1, 1868	10	42	10	58	..	..	..	90	20	70	30.00	10.00
rawford...	Mar. 25, 1869	1¼	48	1¼	55	..	..	..	40	20	67	25.00	28.00
ett.....	July 1, 1868	12	125	12	125	..	2	..	60	40	180	10.00	11.00
	.....	...	....	...	118	5	..	..	23	50	73	19.00	34.42
	.....	...	....	..	32								
	.....	...	...	...	71	1	..	..	....	48	....	4.55	
	.....	...	...	...	50	..	..	..	....	53	46	7.70	
good.....	Aug. 1, 1868	3	96	3									
bbard.....	July 1, 1868	12	100	4	....	..	..	..	112				
orcross....	July 1, 1868	12	150	12	125	1	2	1	72	20	125	24.00	31.00
Adams....	July 1, 1868	12	150	12	70	1	..	..	36	....	70	10.00	19.23
Forsyth....	Aug. 1, 1868	3	96	3	75	..	..	..	20	15	40		
well.....	July 1, 1868	12	150	12	110	1	..	6	58	....	92	15.50	55.00
LD. S. Kemp...	July 1, 1868	12	150	12	90	2	1	..	46	12	40	20.00	44.00
VILLE, Dove.....	July 1, 1868	12	150	12	150	1	1	1	85	40	90	15.10	10.00
nd..	Aug. 1, 1868	3	104	3	125	1	1	..	14	60	*90	56.00	8.32
D. Brown..	Mar. 25, 1869	1¼	48	1¼									
LLE,	.....	...	....	...	125	3	3	..	37	50	90	15.00	
,	.....	...	...	...	100	..	..	..	14	40	80	11.00	
Kingsbury.	Aug. 1, 1868	3	96	2½									
nam.....	July 1, 1868	12	150	12	125	..	1	5	92	25	85	26.16	22.00
rall.....	July 1, 1868	12	100	12	125	..	4	..	54	10	95	24.00	15.00
ayer.....	July 1, 1868	2	32	2	125	..	..	..	95	....	80		
n, & vicin.													
I. Ayers....	May 15, 1869	1¾	56	1¼	60	..	..	..	9				

* Union.

REMARKS.

1. The church in Acton have obtained the services of the Rev. W. S. Thompson. He commenced laboring there in January, under an engagement for one year. This church, though organized before the close of the revolutionary war, is still a feeble band. They feel able to pay, including the use of their parsonage, but $350, and probably will long depend on missionary assistance.

2. No special change in the condition of this church. Though weak and dependent, they are still progressing. Strongly attached to the ordinances of religion, they make commendable efforts to sustain them. The valuation of the church and society is only about $9000. Yet they have a congregation of 120, Sabbath school of 100, a weekly prayer-meeting of 40,—more than in many congregations twice as large. The pastor writes: "I have sown in tears, in sorrow, in humiliation, and yet hope, though hope has been deferred, that I shall reap in joy." This brother has long been in the school of affliction, having lost his two sons in the late war, and the past year having buried his beloved wife, their mother. He needs, and is worthy of the sympathy of Christian friends. Two conversions are reported; and a liberal contribution to Maine Missionary Society.

3. This church, once blessed with the ministry of Father Ward and Rev. Samuel Johnson, is now a feeble band. Still, they have shingled and painted their house of worship, and voted not to apply for missionary aid the coming year. They have preaching but half the time, and hope to sustain so much of the means of grace without charitable assistance.

4. The condition of this church seems improving. Several additions have increased its strength. Sabbath school, and prayer and conference meetings present a hopeful aspect.

5. This church has, during the year, secured the services of the Rev. Amasa Loring. He writes: "This field is, in some respects, an interesting one. There is a good congregation, attentive, kind, and intelligent. The place is increasing in its population, its improvements, and its resources."

Some previous laborer in this place in receiving accessions to the church, acted on the principle, that it was better to receive "nine unfit for admission than to keep out one who was worthy of it." This unsound principle of church-building seems to have produced legitimate fruit. "A schism in the body, long standing, active, and belligerent" now embarrasses its operations, and "prevents its peaceful life and progress."

The trustees would say to this church, Beware, lest the blood of souls be found to stain your garments. Seek at once, dear brethren, things which make for peace, and whereby souls may be won to Christ, and the church be edified.

6. A mission of seven weeks was performed last summer, at Benton, by Mr. F. G. Clark, during which time four were added to the church, and some half a dozen more expressed a desire to unite with it. At the date of Mr. Clark's returns, he states that the church-membership had more than doubled during the previous twelve months. It is a field of promise, and if duly cultivated, a strong church may soon arise, to be a light and blessing in that community. Mr. Clark labored there again six weeks in the spring, and he regards the field as clearly interesting and hopeful.

7. This ancient church, now having a history of more than one century and a third, is still feeble. Mr. Richardson left them after eight months of the current year, and they are now destitute. Unless special grace is vouchsafed and special blessings are bestowed, the future is far from hopeful.

10. Although during the two years, a large part of which Mr. Pike labored with this church, he seems to have had more than average success; some twenty-four hopeful conversions and ten additions,—yet a condition of things arose, which convinced him of the expediency of removing; and he has returned to one of his former fields,—Stow and Chatham. Brownfield is now vacant, and yet it is a place on which further culture should be bestowed.

12. Since the death of the lamented Cressy, this church had only a partial supply of preaching, and very little pastoral labor, till Mr. Smith commenced stated labors with them in September. "For the previous nine or ten years there had been but four additions, while there had been more than three times that number of removals."

Our Missionary seems to have entered upon his labors with high resolve and untiring effort, to make some inroads upon Satan's kingdom. The week of prayer was observed, succeeded by a series of special efforts. A blessing followed, though not on so large a scale as was hoped. Some ten hopeful conversions are reported, and five additions to the church. Others are expected soon to join. "Two of the converts, as we hope, have already joined the church above,—one of them a most lovely young lady, daughter of one of our deacons; the other, the son of the other deacon, and a member of Dartmouth College."

14. Eight hopeful conversions are reported, and two additions to the church. More soon to join. Large expenditures have been made upon the meeting-house and in building a vestry. The future is full of hope.

15. This church has an honored history. While freely receiving, it freely gives. Its contributions for religious purposes abroad exceed those of any previous year. Though a little flock, they have given to Maine Missionary Society $50, and to other objects $71.50. If all our churches would give in

proportion, the Lord's treasury would overflow. Their pastor holds third services in two outposts, on the Sabbath. By this means "the average congregation is nearly doubled."

16. This is a peculiarly hard and unfruitful field. Our Missionary is so worn and exhausted, that he has resolved to leave it. Whether this flourishing town is to be brought extensively and permanently under the influence of evangelical religion, the future alone can show. Our brethren of other names have two or three feeble establishments there; but the dominant influence, to an unusual extent, is adverse to the doctrines of the cross.

19. Mr. Babb has labored acceptably with this church three-fourths of the year. Three conversions are reported. Should he continue to labor with them according to their desire, they might hope for enlargement.

20. Our patient and self-denying Missionary has had much encouragement in his labors the past year,—eleven hopeful conversions, and thirteen additions to the church. Courage and hope are revived in the hearts of God's people, and they have become more decided in their religious course.

21. Mr. Beard still toils on in this place amidst alternate hopes and fears. It is believed, that, on the whole, there is a decided gain in the impression made in the community in favor of evangelical religion, and an intelligent ministry. Perseverance in the "work of faith and labor of love and patience of hope," with a divine blessing, will make the desert blossom as the rose.

22. The history of this church, for the last twenty years, illustrates the benefits of a permanent ministry. Its membership has been more than doubled. Large repairs have been completed, the past year, upon their house of worship at an expense of nearly eight hundred dollars. The church and sabbath school now contain about one hundred members each. It may be hoped they will soon declare independence of the Missionary Society.

23. This church is gradually rising from a state of long-continued weakness. They are happily united in their minister, who still remains with them, notwithstanding several hundred dollars more than he now receives are offered him, if he will take another charge. Still, his people make most commendable efforts to retain him. They have added, the past year, $200 to his salary, "in the way of a Life Insurance Policy." The Society pays tax on only $33,000, and yet, on this small capital, they raise for their minister $675, a little more than two per cent, besides the other expenses of public worship. God helps those who help themselves. The Spirit has moved upon the people, and a number of conversions have taken place. The prospects of the church are brighter than for many years. They have an earnest, working minister, who preaches in surrounding school-houses, and labors abundantly to win souls.

24. This is the field occupied by our lamented brother Perry. There are *in it two feeble* churches. Since his death, it is not known that they have *had any Congregational* preaching.

ıar ago, the church in Hampden reported twenty conversions;
ɜlve. Fourteen, in the mean time, are reported as having joined
The Missionary writes, that "one-seventh of the entire mem-
ıis church have removed to other towns the past year." This
pecuniary strength, taking off one hundred dollars from their
for the support of the ministry. Still, they struggle on, and
ɔing, if not permitted to become strong themselves, that they
o build up other churches by those who go out from them.
ırch in Harrison seems to have awaked to new life and activity.
ɔpended between five and six hundred dollars in repairs upon
f worship; have engaged the services of Mr. Borchers half the
nine months, and for the ensuing year. A series of union
held in the spring, resulting in great apparent good. "The
ct of the whole town, especially the village, has undergone a
hange. About sixty, mostly young persons, have started in the
What proportion of them will unite with this church, cannot
L. Our Missionary is so cautious, that he returns only four con-
he year, thinking it not prudent to estimate, definitely, those
and not knowing how many of them will unite with the church
ıinisters. But he has great reason for encouragement, that so
ıs interest attends the commencement of his labors in that

ısionary has occupied a large field. One-half of the time, for
ıe labored with one branch of the church in Industry, at West's
remaining eight months of the year, one-half of the time at
ich place he has removed his family. The other half has been
en South Anson and North New Portland. Though his time
s divided, he has not labored in vain. Ten have been added
ı in South Anson. A precious revival has been enjoyed at
Portland; a Union house of worship built and dedicated; a
al church organized, promising soon to contain 25 members,
ın association formed. It is the only church in the place, and,
care, will become a power for good.
l by Prof. Stanley. Prospects encouraging. Eight additions,
ion and three by letter.
ng half of the time for nine months. Have become sole own-
f worship, by purchasing the half heretofore owned by the
s church would do well to unite with Casco, in support of
ances.
or has left the field, and they are now destitute.
nversions reported in Presque Isle; five added to the church.
[redacted]teen hopeful conversions reported. Carriboo, no church
[redacted] prospect of one being soon organized.*

*been organized, consisting of ten members.

50. A Welsh Congregational church recently organized with very hopeful prospects.

56. This large field is to be divided, and Patten and Island Falls to have a minister by themselves. Sherman erecting a house of worship.

60. Large repairs made on their house of worship, making it very pleasant and inviting.

61. They have had three months' mission in this field. Five hopeful conversions reported in Topsfield, and arrangements being made for preaching for one year, by Mr. R. D. Osgood, about to graduate from the Seminary at Bangor.

62. Missionary obliged to leave the field after four months' labor, on account of the illness of his wife; since which time they have been destitute.

71. This church greatly afflicted by crushing in the roof of meeting-house by snow; making great effort to rebuild, and needing the aid and sympathy of abler churches; still hopeful and struggling on.

SUMMARY.

FROM the foregoing table it appears that eighty preachers have been employed as missionaries the past year,—six less than the previous year. Fifty-nine are ordained ministers. Thirty-two have labored through the entire year, twenty-one between six and eleven months, twelve between three and six months, and fifteen less than three months. The aggregate amount of their labors is fifty-three and a half years. Seventy-four mission fields have been occupied, containing ninety churches, and ninety-six preaching places.

The past has not been a year of extensive revivals in our mission churches. Buxton Center, Cornish, Edgecomb, Hampden, North New Portland, Lee, and Topsfield report more hopeful conversions than any other places, but no church reports more than twelve. The entire number is one hundred and thirty-six. Additions to the churches, one hundred and ninety-two, of which one hundred and thirty-seven were by profession. The total number in these churches is four thousand, one hundred and eighteen. Sixteen hundred and thirty-five are represented as attending the weekly prayer-meeting; six thousand in the sabbath schools; $2739.42 of charitable contributions, of which $1482.70 were for Maine Missionary Society.

Two new churches have been organized; one at North New Portland, with hopeful prospects of growth. The other is a Welsh church at the Rolling Mills, lately denominated Ligonia Village. Though they called themselves a church last year, they were rather an unorganized religious community, maintaining stated worship and the sabbath school, though most of the time without preaching. Early in the spring, a Welsh clergyman from Western New York visited them, and organized them into a regular church of about thirty members. It is a small religious establishment, yet one of much interest and promise. The Welsh form a valuable class of immigrants. They are intensely Protestant. They have about two hundred Congregational churches in this country; and nearly as many Calvinistic Methodist churches.

Two churches have assumed self-support; those at Orono and Woolwich. [illegible] at Alna has resolved to ask no aid the ensuing year.

[illegible] sign of spiritual life, and of promise for the future, is found in the [illegible] an unusual number of houses of worship have been repaired,— [illegible]ght or ten. Musical instruments have been procured for others. [illegible]hree new houses are projected. These facts show that the people

are not disposed to dwell in their own ceiled houses, and the house of God lie waste.

The financial condition of the Society is unusually prosperous. The annual contributions from the ordinary sources exceed those of last year; and a kind providence has opened the hearts of individuals to intrust the Society with larger sums than has been common. The example of Mr. Thornton, of Scarboro', in donating to the cause of missions in Maine two thousand dollars, as a memorial of two deceased sons, is worthy of warm approbation, and practical imitation. Larger legacies than in the past have been left the Society by the late Mrs. Hannah Gooch, of Wells, and William Sewall, Esq., of Kennebunk. Only a small portion of these funds is yet available, but they will be good for future use. That God should have inclined the departed to devise such liberal things for this cause, calls for devout gratitude. If, however, the churches should hence infer that they may safely diminish their annual contributions—if the effect should be to dry up those rills of benevolence which have replenished our treasury from year to year—the blessing would be turned into a curse. It would be a sad day to the church if the largesses of the few should prevent the small gifts of the many.

Exclusive of a loan of $1000, the receipts into the treasury have been $18,273.08. After paying current expenses, the balance in the treasury is $3,647.21. Orders not yet presented are drawn in favor of missionaries for services already rendered, amounting to $2,867.17. When the returns are all made, and the orders all drawn, but little of the balance on hand will be left.

While as a denomination in Maine we have, as compared with our brethren of other names, no reason for discouragement, yet duty imperiously calls for vigorous and wise efforts to lift our churches to a higher plane.

The future of this State will depend largely on the Christian churches of the State. Our own denomination has a full share of this responsibility. Older in the State than any other, quite as numerous, with more educated men, and more property, we shall be recreant to duty if we do not devise and execute liberal things. Several things are needed to bless the State, and lift still higher our churches in all that shall make them a light and a blessing. We ought to have at least one or two first class female seminaries, where our daughters can obtain an education as good as in any of the seminaries abroad. We need also a classical school that shall be as thorough and attractive as Philips Academy, where our sons may be fitted for college, and for the higher walks of business life. The want of such a school sends our young men abroad for their preparatory course, where they form such associations as carry them to other colleges and professional seminaries. It has been said that fifty young men of Maine have been in colleges of other States the past year. Hence our institutions are comparatively *meager* and languishing. Instead of illustrating our proud motto—Dirigo—

our policy is reducing us in our relation to other States, to the mere tail of the comet.

State patriotism, due self-respect, manly principle, the highest good of the field God has given us to cultivate, demand that this course of things should be arrested. Arrested it cannot be without thoughtful care, and prolonged and mighty effort. The wisdom of our wise men, and the wealth of our rich men should be laid under voluntary tribute, and liberally employed in putting our educational seminaries on a broad and liberal basis, furnishing all needful facilities for the thorough education of both sexes.

As a denomination we value ourselves upon the liberality of our principles and our polity. Our brethren of other churches honor us by assuming our liberality in the frequent applications they make to us for pecuniary aid in accomplishing their objects. When this liberality is seen in keeping the vineyard of others to the neglect of our own vineyard, its wisdom is at least questionable. While our own seminaries are hard pressed for more liberal endowments, we have a new college of another denomination springing up in the State, endowed principally by Congregational funds,—one man of our faith having given it one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars. The true policy would seem to be first to build over against our own house, provide amply for our own usefulness, then stretch out our hand to aid our neighbors. As every man's duty is to provide for his own household, so every Christian denomination is bound to care for its own prosperity and usefulness.

The Trustees would again call the attention of the churches to the urgent want of more laborers in the vineyard of the Lord. This want presses harder year after year. More might have been accomplished the past year in our missionary work if we had had more men. The fact that eighteen, less than two years since, have been found for our needy fields, ought to wake the churches to fervent prayer to the Lord of the harvest. Why should not the want of men be now felt as well as when the country was in peril? Then the cry rung through all the land for men, men—*more* men, till it echoed from every hilltop, and a million rushed to the rescue. Mothers gave up their sons, wives their husbands, young maidens their lovers, and with the blessing of God on their labors and sacrifices, the nation was saved. As in civil government rebellion is quelled and crushed by the aid of the loyal, so the great moral rebellion against God, of which this world is the theater, is to be overcome by the blessing of Heaven on the labors of men,—men first recovered to allegiance and loyalty. The demand for such in the ministry is so urgent that every church, every Christian, should be impressed with the duty of fervent prayer and earnest effort to bring into the work young men of fervid piety and of suitable gifts and culture, who all be willing to go into our broad fields, and count not their lives dear them that they may win souls, and finish their course with joy.

men in greater numbers we must have, or the work of evangelizing

Maine must drag heavily. While the work delays, souls perish. Surely the churches should awake to this pressing want, and address themselves most earnestly to the work of supplying it.

It is time that a new impulse was given to the work of missions in Maine.

The very partial supply furnished many of our feeble churches gives little promise of their growth. How to provide them with more preaching, such as shall warrant the hope of their enlargement and strength, has proved a difficult problem. The following plan has been suggested and somewhat discussed the past year: *that young men just entering the ministry be induced to devote one year at least to missionary service before seeking a permanent settlement.* The plan has been highly commended, and some effort has been made to enlist young men to act upon it. The senior classes at Bangor and Andover have been visited with the hope of obtaining some eight or ten for this service the coming year. None of the class at Andover were ready to come to Maine for this purpose. Other plans had generally been formed. But several of the seniors at Bangor have kindly consented, and will be ready to go into the service of this society at the close of their seminary year.

If this plan can be made practicable for years to come, and a goodly number of the successive classes as they graduate can be induced to devote the first year of ministerial life to missionary service, it will be great gain to our feeble churches.

It will approximate as near to a permanent ministry as they can expect soon to enjoy. Besides these, a larger number than heretofore of the middle and junior classes of theological seminaries have expressed a desire for missionary labor in the next vacation, and have been encouraged to expect employment. The trustees do, therefore, hope that more of our moral wastes will, the coming year, be trodden by the feet of those who bring good tidings and publish salvation.

The prayer of God's people is invoked in advance, that the way of the Lord may be prepared, so that the coming of these fresh laborers may be as life from the dead to multitudes of perishing souls.

But with the increase of laborers, there will be needed a corresponding increase of funds. May not the trustees, therefore, rely on the churches to furnish them with the means of putting laborers—if they can be found—into all the vacant and hopeful fields in the State. Why may not a new era of liberality be inaugurated this morning, and the amount contributed be at least quadrupled, as compared with the sum ordinarily received? How easy for this congregation to put a half thousand into the treasury.

Stimulated by the blessedness of giving, may it not be hoped for? and then all, with a glad heart, thank God, and say, "Of thine own have we given thee."

The American Home Missionary Society still holds on its majestic way. *It* has employed 972 missionaries; supplied 1,956 congregations and mission-

The aggregate of ministerial labor performed is equal to 734
ils in sabbath schools, 75,300; 74 churches organized; 56 houses
ompleted, 32 others in process of erection; 87 revivals reported,
sions; 6,470 additions to the churches, 3,564 on profession, and
:r. Receipts, $244,390.96; expenditures, $274,932.55. The expen-
:d the receipts by more than $30,000. Still, it has been a year of
the society. The receipts exceeded those of the previous year
.; the expenditures exceed those of any preceding year, by $20,-
y-four more missionaries than in any previous year; 32 more
:r performed; more added to the churches, by 256; more sabbath
.rs, by 9,000; more churches organized, by 30. Still, a vast work
: done in our country. A highway has been opened from ocean
id now, the Pacific is within six or seven days of the Atlantic.
ion between is rapidly filling up with a heterogeneous popu-
r come from the continents and the islands of earth; men of
ntries and all climes, all religions and no religion. God is
the heathen upon our hands, by thousands and tens of thou-

erican Church, he is devolving the responsibility of giving the
o teeming multitudes. Did the Church, in any age or country,
veightier charge, a graver responsibility, a more arduous work
The tide of barbarism and paganism even will roll in upon us,
lm us, unless there is a readiness to come up to the help of the
the mighty; unless sons and daughters, and silver and gold,
nd influence are more liberally consecrated to this noble work.
: Church in this land, and all lands, come up to the full meas-
ity, and soon glad voices will be heard in heaven, saying, The
his world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his
: shall reign forever and ever.

TREASURER'S

Dr. JOSHUA MAXWELL IN ACCOUNT WITH

1869.

June 20.—To Balance in the Treasury, as settled June 20, 1868.....$520.18

RECEIVED FOR INCOME ON PERMANENT FUND, VIZ.:

For dividends on Bank stocks.....	553.75	
" Lewiston Falls Manufacturing Company.....	100.00	
" Railroad stock, $18; Portland City, $114.....	132.00	
" United States stock.....	164.38	
		950.13

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.

Rev. Dr. Thurston, for Preaching.....	100.00	
Land Rent, Biddeford.....	51.51	
For Note discount Casco National Bank.....	1000.00	
For Portland City Stock Matured.....	1000.00	
From J. B. Thornton, Esq., in memory of two sons, Thomas G. and Henry Thornton, recently deceased.....	2000.00	
		4151.51

LEGACIES.

Mrs. L. W. Maxwell, late of Wells, Annual.....	6.00	
James Paine, late of Gorham, $100 less Gov. Tax, $6.....	94.00	
John Storer, late of Sanford.....	1000.00	
Specific Legacy, late Mrs. Hannah Gooch, Wells.....	2000.00	
		3100.00
From Churches, Collections, Donations, Annuities, Life Membership, etc.....10,551.56		
		10,551.26
		$19,273.08

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E MISSIONARY SOCIETY. *Cr.*

id Missionaries on Trustees' orders		$10.501.46
Rev. Dr. Thurston, salary	1100.00	
" " " sundry expenses	52.11	
Charles A. Lord's bills	100.04	
B. Thurston & Co.	162.67	
Woodbury Davis	15.00	
on Sewall Fund to Mrs. Narcissa Bourne	222.50	
discount on Note Casco National Bank	13.12	
Note Casco National Bank	1000.00	
for Bath City Bond, $920 accumulated interest, $3.33	923.33	
Loan	1500.00	
Treasurer as per Bill rendered	35.64	
Balance in the Treasury this day	3647.21	
		8,771.62

$19 273.08

the above and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched, and show
nds of the Treasurer of three thousand six hundred forty-seven and 21-100

H. M. PAYSON,
GEO. F. THURSTON, } *Auditors.*

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE, 1869.

Aroostook Conference.

Patten	11 25	Houlton	20 00
Sherman	10 15	Lincoln	24 00
Island Falls	2 25	County Conference	11 45
Burlington	18 45		
Fort Fairfield	6 60		$104 55

Cumberland Conference.

Cumberland	17 62	Portland, 3d Church	77 00
Windham	24 50	" A Friend	2 50
Auburn	218 50	Rolling Mills	12 50
Brunswick	203 00	Gorham	132 00
Lewiston	61 36	Harpswell	11 05
Gray	14 25	Scarboro', by Mr. Thornton	2000 00
West Auburn	5 00	New Gloucester	57 25
Freeport	20 00	Pownall	26 20
South Freeport	22 25	Saccarappa	25 00
Yarmouth, 1st	13 37	Durham	12 00
Yarmouth, Central	77 00	West Minot	20 00
Portland, Union Missionary Circle	103 00	Falmouth	26 00
" State Street	592 82	Standish	22 27
" High Street	399 40		
" 2d Church	14 63		$4,210 95

Franklin Conference.

Temple	15 00	Farmington Falls	28 95
Farmington	327 25	Industry	7 00
Wilton	26 16	Weld	15 50
Strong	6 00	County Conference	40 00
New Vineyard	12 50		
New Sharon	35 00		$513 36

Hancock Conference.

West Brooksville	15 10	Amherst and Aurora	26 37
Castine	81 08	Bluehill	12 00
Deer Isle, 1st	20 00	Orland	67 00
North Deer Isle	22 00		
Bucksport	165 23		
Ellsworth	69 57		$478 35

Kennebec Conference.

Vassalboro'	10 00	Litchfield	18 00
Winthrop	32 65	Winslow	37 00
Gardiner	49 49	Waterville	15 00
Hallowell	444 99	Clinton	5 00
Monmouth	11 00		
Augusta	413 90		$1,036 94

Lincoln and Sagadahock Conference.

Rockland	60 55	Waldoboro'	39 75
Topsham	82 50	Edgecomb	51 00
Thomaston	40 80	Warren	25 00
Wiscasset	31 00	Union	34 18
Newcastle, 2d	80 00	Woolwich	20 00
Bath	586 13	New Castle	10 80
Bath, Central	282 52		
Alna	39 00		
Bristol	10 00		$1372 38

Oxford Conference.

.....	65	South Paris.....	20 00
.....	19 00	Norway.....	18 67
.....	16 00	Oxford.....	10 00
.....	7 50		
.....	10 00		$101 83

Penobscot Conference.

.....	10 00	Kenduskeag.....	17 00
.....	1195 00	Brewer, 1st.....	14 09
Street.....	448 53	Bangor Friends.....	10 00
.....	241 18	Plymouth.....	10 00
.....	20 00		
.....	139 68		
.....	32 00		$2137 48

Piscataquis Conference.

.....	12 00	Dexter.....	12 00
.....	54 61		
.....	38 95		$115 56

Somerset Conference.

.....	36 25	Solon.....	20 00
.....	51 25	South Solon.....	13 00
.....	6 30	Mercer.....	23 00
.....	16 18	Skowhegan.....	18 00
.....	2 60		
.....	47 93		$234 51

Union Conference.

.....	66 00	Fryeburg.....	42 00
.....	86 00	Harrison.....	32 00
.....	7 00	South Bridgton.....	20 50
.....	6 00	North Bridgton.....	12 00
.....	27 00	Naples.....	3 00
.....	8 00		
.....	41 00		
.....	23 00		$322 10

Waldo Conference.

.....	82 40	Unity.....	2 00
.....	5 58	Jackson.....	5 33
.....	110 00	Stockton.....	63 00
.....	21 35		
.....	9 00		
.....	54 58		$353 24

Washington Conference.

.....	35 00	St. Stephen.....	50 00
.....	101 56	E. Machias.....	50 00
.....	25 00	Machias.....	67 08
.....	15 00	Machiasport.....	11 08
.....	11 11	Princeton.....	30 00
.....	56 15	Eastport.....	30 00
.....	33 30		
.....	4 35		
....	7 70		$527 83

York Conference.

.....	33 60	Biddeford, Pavilion Church.....	47 50
.....	93 32	South Berwick.....	222 15
.....	74 00	Buxton Center.....	25 00
.....	17 50	Sanford.....	5 00
.....	28 25	Kennebunk.....	133 30
.....	25 00	Biddeford, 1st.....	2 00
.....	21 00	Cornish.....	24 75
.....	20 50	County Conference.....	22 25
.....	63 00		
.....	20 00		$878 13

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LIFE MEMBERS

RECOGNIZED SINCE LAST ANNUAL REPORT.

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Abigail Holden.....Deer Isle
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Elizabeth A. Pike.....Brownfield
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Ellen A. Mosman.....Searsport
Margaret G. Pendleton.....Searsport
Mary A. Pendleton.....Searsport
Matilda Pendleton.....Searsport
Lizzie Park.....Searsport
George Herman Patten.....Bath
Hartley Gove.....Bath
Sarah Ella Gove.....Bath
Henry Tallmans.....Bath
Annie Magoun.....Bath
G. L. Tappan.....Boston, Mass.
J. Henry Harris.....Boston, Mass.
Rose E. R. Sanborn..... .Hallowell
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Mrs. C. G. McCully.....Hallowell
Sally Agry.....Hallowell
Mrs. David Haskell.....Deer Isle
Mary E. Weston.....Farmington
Ellen M. McFarland.....Ellsworth
Addie M. Pickard.....Auburn
Mary Ella Deering.....Augusta
Charles Potter Ladd.....Augusta
Lucy Staples.....West Auburn
Paulina H. Roberts.....Lyman
Rev. A. H. Johnson.....Limington
Angeline R. Bulfinch.....Waldoboro'
Jane Hunter.....Strong
Rev. Edward Payson Thwing.....Boston
Susan Payson Thwing.....Boston
Thomas Hancock.....Gray
Abbie Lord.....Orono
Harriet R. Barrett.....Union
Samuel Lindsay.....Wells
Nellie Broad.....Waterville
Sarah L. Crosby.....Hampden
Charles A. Bailey.....Oldtown

Rev. Webster Woodbury.....Sweden
Louisa Briggs.....Freeport
Dea. William E. Chase.....South Freeport
Alden Baker.....Gardiner
Louisa Parkhurst.....Gardiner
Edward T. Safford.....Kittery
Chauncy Case.....Amherst
Isaac N. Merrill.....Yarmouth
Richmond L. Storer.....Yarmouth
Mary Ann Noyes.....Yarmouth
Sarah Gammon.....Yarmouth
Joseph M. Dyer.....Calais
Samuel G. Pike.....Calais
Sarah Scammon.....Saco
Thomas Haley.....Biddeford
Harriet Preble.....Bath
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Mary A. Harris.....Columbia Falls
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Randell Johnson.....Portland
Rev. G. B. Richardson.....Farmington
Roliston Woodbury.....Farmington
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Dorcas Lawry.....Brewer
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Otis Winn.....Wells
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Rev. Philander Thurston.....East Machias

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.....Minot	Margaret T. Peabody.....Eastport
.....Harrison	Sarah C. Weston.....Standish
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ELIAS BOND, Hallowell church, Bangor Seminary, 1840.....Kohala (Hawaii), Sandwich Islands.
GEORGE P. CLAFLIN, Bangor First church, Bangor Seminary, 1850.....Lawana, West Africa.
ROYAL W. COLE, Bangor Hammond-st. ch., Bangor Seminary, 1868..Erzeroom, Eastern Turkey.
DANIEL DOLE, Bloomfield church, Bangor Seminary, 1839.....Koloa (Kaual), Sandwich Islands.
JOSEPH K. GREENE, Lewiston church, Union Seminary, N. Y., 1858....Broosa, Western Turkey.
JOSEPH P. GREEN, Bangor Central ch., Bangor Sem., 1863...Honolulu (Oahu), Sandwich Islands.
CYRUS HAMLIN, D. D., Portland Second church, Bangor Seminary, 1837,
President Robert College, Constantinople, Turkey.
JOHN D. PARIS, Bangor Hammond-st. ch., Bangor Sem., 1839..So. Kona (Hawaii), Sand. Islands.
JOHN E. PIERCE, Bangor Central church, Bangor Seminary, 1868.....Erzeroom, Eastern Turkey.
GEORGE A. POLLARD, Hallowell church, Bangor Seminary, 1854.....Erzeroom, Eastern Turkey.
BENJAMIN G. SNOW, Brewer First ch., Bangor Sem., 1849..Ebon (Marshall's Island), Micronesia.
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Rules of the General Conference of the Congregational Churches in Maine.

Revised June, 1865.

1. At the appointed time for the assembling of the Conference, the Moderator shall take the chair and open the meeting, as provided in the Constitution;—or, in his absence, the Recording Secretary shall call the members to order, and to the choice of a Moderator, who shall then conduct the devotional exercises.

2. The certificates of delegates shall then be laid upon the table, and the names of members enrolled.

3. The Constitution and Rules of the Conference shall then be read.

4. Next shall follow the election of officers as provided by the Constitution, and the appointment of committees.

5. At each meeting of the Conference, a first and second preacher shall be appointed for the next meeting.

6. The roll shall be called at the close of the first session, and at least once each day, subsequently, during the sitting of the Conference.

7. Every motion, on being seconded shall, if requested, be reduced to writing.

8. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, division of the question, termination of debate, or yeas and nays:—and these motions, except that for amendment, shall not be debated.

9. There shall be a Standing Committee of Nominations, consisting of six persons, so constituted that one-third of its members shall go out of office each year, and the precedence in vacating seats in this Board shall be in the order in which said committee is elected by this Conference. The committee shall elect a chairman, who shall keep a record of all appointments made by the Conference, in accordance with the annual report of the committee of nominations, and this committee shall have power to fill such vacancies as occur during the recess of the Conference.

10. The returns of the churches shall be made up to and include the first Sabbath in May, of each year,—and the publishing committee shall prepare blank schedules, and furnish them to the several Conferences for that purpose.

11. A committee of one from each County Conference shall be chosen annually to visit the Theological Seminary, Bangor. Such persons as have been selected by the several Conferences to represent them in said committee, shall first be reported. Vacancies to be filled by the nominating committee.

12. The Recording Secretary shall notify members appointed to services by the Conference, of such appointment, by letter, at the expense of Conference.

13. The printed Minutes of the Conference shall be the credentials of delegates to corresponding bodies. In case any delegate is unable, either by himself or his substitute, to attend in person, it shall be regarded as his duty to forward a written communication to the corresponding body for which he was appointed.

14. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to incorporate with the Minutes of Conference, a brief account of the meetings of the religious Societies, which hold their anniversaries in connection with the Conference.

15. A Publishing Committee, consisting of three, shall be annually appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes,—they shall issue the Minutes as soon as possible, and forward to each minister a copy by mail.

16. The Publishing Committee shall make known to the several County Conferences, the sum that may be needed to defray the expenses of publishing the Minutes of the Conference, or whatever balance may be due, after appropriating the annual collection at General Conference.

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MINUTES

OF THE

TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

REGATIONAL CHURCHES IN MAINE:

WITH THE

SERMON

BEFORE

INE MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

REV. JAVAN K. MASON, OF THOMASTON,

AND THE

ORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

AT ITS SIXTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY,

HELD WITH THE

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH IN YARMOUTH,

JUNE 21, 22, AND 23, 1870.

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OF THE

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN MAINE,

WITH THEIR POST-OFFICE ADDRESS, 1870.

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Officers of the Maine Missionary Society.

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The FORTY-FIFTH annual meeting of the GENERAL CONFERENCE of the CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES in Maine, will be held with the *Winter Street Congregational Church in Bath*, commencing on Tuesday, June 27, 1871, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

SIXTY-FOURTH anniversary of the MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY, on Wednesday, June 28, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

FIFTY-THIRD anniversary of the Maine Branch of the AMERICAN EDUCATION SOCIETY, and the FORTY-SECOND annual meeting of the MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY, are held during the week.

☞ **By a vote of the GENERAL CONFERENCE, honorary titles are omitted in the Minutes.**

MINUTES OF 1870.

The FORTY-FOURTH Annual Meeting of the GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN MAINE, was held with the First Congregational Church in Yarmouth, commencing on Tuesday, June 21, 1870, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

The *Moderator*, Rev. ALFRED E. IVES, of Castine, took the Chair, and conducted the opening exercises.

United in singing Hymn 1017, from the Sabbath Hymn and Tune Book :

"I love thy kingdom, Lord."

The Moderator read Psalm 118, and led in prayer.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

The place of meeting having been changed, it became necessary to appoint another Committee of Arrangements.

Rev. John W. H. Baker, of North Waterford, of the Committee of Nominations, reported as said Committee—

Rev. GEORGE A. PUTNAM,
Rev. JACOB J. ABBOTT,
Dea. ANSEL L. LORING,

All of Yarmouth ; and they were elected.

The credentials of Delegates were called for, and their names enrolled, as follows :

COUNTY CONFERENCES REPRESENTED.

AROOSTOOK.

Rev. Edward B. Osgood, of Houlton.

CUMBERLAND.

Rev. Charles C. Parker, of Gorham.
Rev. William H. Fenn, of Portland.
Rev. Charles L. Nichols, of Pownal.
Dea. A. C. Chandler, of New Gloucester.
Dea. Oliver M. Brooks, of Portland.
Dea. Samuel W. Larrabee, of Portland.

FRANKLIN.

Rev. Rowland B. Howard, of Farmington.
Rev. Isaac Rogers, of Farmington.
Dea. Joseph P. Thwing, of New Sharon.

HANCOCK.

Rev. Henry S. Loring, of Amherst.
Rev. Sewall Tenney, Ellsworth.
Dea. Samuel Adams, Castine.

KENNEBEC.

Rev. John Dinsmore, of Winslow. Dea. Mason J. Metcalf, of Monmouth.
Rev. Benjamin A. Robie, of Waterville. Dea. Abel Whitney, of Gardiner.

LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC.

Rev. Joseph Loring, of Edgecomb. Rev. Charles Packard, of Waldoboro'.
Rev. Henry O. Thayer, of Woolwich. Dea. Rufus Sewall, of Edgecomb.

OXFORD.

Rev. Thomas T. Merry, of Norway. Dea. Leonard Grover, of Bethel.
Rev. John Elliot, of Rumford. Bro. Frederick E. Shaw, of South Paris.

PENOBSCOT.

Rev. William M. Barbour, of Bangor. Dea. Joseph S. Wheelwright, of Bangor.
Rev. James Wells, of Dedham. Dea. Elnathan F. Duren, of Bangor.

PISCATAQUIS.

Rev. Peter B. Thayer, of Garland. Bro. John G. Mayo, of Dover.
Rev. James Cameron, Greenville. Bro. Luther Rideout, of Garland.

SOMERSET.

Rev. William S. Sewall, of St. Albans. Rev. Webster Woodbury of Skowhegan.

UNION.

Rev. Addison Blanchard, of So. Bridgton. Dea. Jacob H. Lovejoy, of Albany.
Rev. Ernest F. Borchers, of No. Bridgton.

WALDO.

Rev. Harrison A. Shorey, of Camden. Dea. Lemuel R. Palmer, of Belfast.
Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Searsport. Bro. Augustine F. Miller, of Camden.

WASHINGTON.

Rev. Henry F. Harding, of Machias. Rev. William Carruthers, of Calais.

YORK.

Rev. Charles H. Gates, of Buxton. Dea. James L. Tripp, of South Sandford.
Rev. William S. Thompson, of Acton. Dea. Thomas H. Cole, of Biddeford.
Rev. William A. Merrill, of Lyman. Bro. Dimon Roberts, of Lyman.

MEMBERS EX-OFFICIIS.

OFFICERS.—Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine; Hon. Nelson Dingley, jr., of Lewiston; Rev. David Garland, of Bethel; Deacons William S. Dennett, Elnathan F. Duren, and Joseph S. Wheelwright, of Bangor.

MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES.—Rev. Messrs. Jacob J. Abbott, of Yarmouth; George E. Adams, of Brunswick; Jonathan E. Adams, of Searsport; John W. H. Baker, of North Waterford; Smith Baker, of Orono; Uriah Balkham, of Lewiston; William M. Barbour, of Bangor; Stephen L. Bowler, of Hampden; James Cameron, of Greenville; John J. Carruthers, of Portland; John D. Emerson, of Biddeford; Solomon P. Fay, of Bangor; John O. Fiske, of Bath; David Garland, of Bethel; Henry F. Har-

ding, of Machias; Rowland B. Howard, of Farmington; Alfred E. Ives, of Castine; Javan K. Mason, of Thomaston; Charles C. Parker, of Gorham; Wooster Parker, of Belfast; George A. Putnam, of Yarmouth; Benjamin A. Robie, of Waterville; David B. Sewall, of Fryeburg; John S. Sewall, of Brunswick; William S. Sewall, of St. Albans; Harrison A. Shorey, of Camden; Charles Tenney, of Biddeford; Sewall Tenney, of Ellsworth; Peter B. Thayer, of Garland; Stephen Thurston, of Searsport; Horace Toothaker, of New Sharon; William Warren, of Gorham; James Wells, of Dedham; John B. Wheelwright, of South Paris; Luther Wiswall, of Windham; Webster Woodbury, of Skowhegan; Richard Woodhull, of Bangor; Dea. Samuel Adams, of Castine; Bro. Seth P. Benson, of Brunswick; Bro. Nelson Dingley, jr., of Lewiston; Deacons E. F. Duren, of Bangor; Thomas R. Hayes, of Portland; Ansel L. Loring, of Yarmouth; Jacob H. Lovejoy, of Albany; Mason J. Metcalf, of Monmouth; Simon Page, of Hallowell; Bro. Dimon Roberts, of Lyman; Deacons Joseph P. Thwing, of New Sharon; and Joseph S. Wheelwright, of Bangor.

MINISTER OF THE PLACE.—Rev. George A. Putnam, pastor of First church, Yarmouth.

PREACHER.—Rev. Javan K. Mason, of Thomaston.

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES WHO FULFILLED THEIR APPOINTMENT.

Revs. Rowland B. Howard, of Farmington, to Michigan; Solomon P. Fay, of Bangor, to Ohio; David Garland, of Bethel, to Canada; John J. Carruthers, of Portland, to the Gen. Assembly Presbyterian Church; Samuel Bowker, of Wells, to Maine Baptist Convention; Sewall Tenney, of Ellsworth, to the Freewill Baptist Yearly meeting. And by letter,—Revs. Thomas T. Merry, of Norway, to Illinois; John O. Fiske, of Bath, to California; Henry F. Harding, of Machias, to Nova Scotia and New Brunswick; and Dea. Joseph P. Thwing, to Kansas.

DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Rev. HORACE JAMES, of Lowell, General Association of the Congregational Churches of Massachusetts.

Rev. WILLARD CHILD, of Crown Point, General Association of New York.

Rev. EDWARD HAWES, of Philadelphia, General Association of New Jersey.

Rev. AMERICUS FULLER, of Rochester, General Congregational Conference of Minnesota.

Rev. NATHANIEL MELCHER, of Yarmouth, Maine Baptist Missionary Convention.

Rev. BENJAMIN F. PRITCHARD, of Cape Elizabeth, Freewill Baptist Yearly meeting.

REPRESENTATIVES OF BENEVOLENT ORGANIZATIONS.

Rev. WILLIAM WARREN, of Gorham, Dis. Sec. Am. Board Com. for Foreign Missions.

Rev. ORSON ALLEN, of Harpoot, Turkey, Missionary Am. Bd. C. F. M.

Rev. BENJAMIN G. SNOW, of Ebon Island, Micronesia, Missionary Am. Bd. C. F. M.

Rev. WILLIAM C. GILBERT, of Hartford, American Bible Society.

Rev. SAMUEL H. MERRILL, of Portland, American Bible Society.
Rev. GILES PEASE, of Boston, American Missionary Association.
Rev. WILLIAM BARROWS, of Boston, Congregational Publishing Society.
Capt. ANDREW BARTLETT, of Boston, American Seamen's Friend Society.
Rev. JOHN WOOD, of Wolfboro, N. H., American Tract Society, New York.

The Constitution and Rules of Conference were read.

In accordance with Article third of the Constitution, the Moderator gave a cordial invitation to ministers, and all present, to take part in the devotional exercises and discussions of the Conference.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

NELSON DINGLEY, JR.....of Lewiston.....MODERATOR.
ELNATHAN F. DUREN.....of Bangor.....RECORDING SECRETARY.
DAVID GARLAND.....of Bethel...CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
JOSEPH S. WHEELWRIGHT.....of Bangor.....TREASURER.
WILLIAM S. DENNETT.....of Bangor.....AUDITOR.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Rev. George E. Street, of Lincoln and Sagadahoc Conference, and Rev. William T. Sleeper, of Aroostook Conference, were appointed to take the place of two members of the Nominating Committee whose term of office expires this year.

DELEGATES TO AND FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Rev. Wooster Parker, of Belfast, introduced the inquiry whether any revision was needed in reference to the appointment and reception of Delegates to and from corresponding bodies. After remarks by him and others, it was,

On motion of Rev. David Garland, of Bethel,

VOTED, That a committee be chosen to report on the subject.

Revs. D. Garland, W. Parker, J. O. Fiske, S. Tenney, A. E. Ives, and Hon. S. P. Benson, were appointed.

They subsequently reported, through the chairman, Rev. D. Garland:—

Your committee value much these friendly greetings through delegates and letters, and they would recommend that not the least thing be done that would lessen the cordial fellowship which now exists between this Conference, and all other Christian organizations with which it is in correspondence.

As the number of these organizations has so greatly increased, they believe that the interest of this friendly correspondence, at our yearly meeting, would be increased by some change or modification in our present formal service.

The time your committee has had for deliberation on this subject has been so limited, they are not prepared to report any definite plan of action.

The report was recommitted for further consideration.

REPORTS OF DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Rev. Rowland B. Howard, of Farmington, reported his attendance upon the meeting of the General Association of Michigan.

Rev. John J. Carruthers, of Portland, at the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, in Philadelphia.

Rev. David Garland, of Bethel, at the session of the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec, in Toronto.

Rev. Solomon P. Fay, of Bangor, upon the Ohio Congregational Conference, in Oberlin.

Rev. Sewall Tenney, of Ellsworth, at the Freewill Baptist Yearly meeting.

Rev. Samuel Bowker, of Wells, at the Maine Baptist Missionary Convention, in Portland.

They were cordially received.

The following delegates reported that they sent a communication to the bodies named:

Rev. Thomas T. Merry, of Norway, to the General Association of Illinois.

Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath, to the Congregational Association of California.

Rev. Henry F. Harding, of Machias, to the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

Rev. Wooster Parker, of Belfast, reported that he did not fulfill his appointment as delegate to Connecticut.

Rev. Austin L. Park, of Gardiner, reported by letter, that he wrote to the General Association of Congregational Churches in Massachusetts.

Rev. Edward F. Cutter, of Rockland, writes July 4, that he attended the meeting of East Maine Methodist Conference, at Rockland.

Rev. Benjamin Tappan, of Norridgewock, July 6, that he wrote to General Association of Missouri.

Rev. W. H. Fenn, of Portland, delegate to Iowa, and Rev. A. J. Smith, of Rockport, delegate to New Hampshire, wrote July 5, that they were unable to fulfill their appointment.

Dea. Joseph P. Thwing, of New Sharon, wrote July 7, that he sent a letter to the Association of Ministers and Churches, in Kansas.

Rev. George A. Putnam, of Yarmouth, in behalf of the Committee of Arrangements, made a report in regard to the exercises of the forenoon, which was adopted.

United in singing,— "Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love."

Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Searsport, led in prayer.

DIVINE AGENCY.

The following topic was introduced, with remarks from Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath,—

"In these times of so much human activity, are we not in danger of ignoring too much our dependence on Divine agency?"

Sung,— "Nearer, my God, to thee."

United in prayer with Rev. Americus Fuller, delegate from Minnesota.

Remarks on the same subject were added by Revs. William Warren, of Gorham; Charles H. Gates, of Buxton; Jotham Sewall, of Illinois; and William M. Barbour, of Bangor.

Sung,— "O God, our help in ages past."

Prayer—Rev. Sewall Tenney, of Ellsworth.

United in singing,— "Come, Holy Spirit, come."

The roll of Delegates was called.

Committee of Arrangements made a further report. Adopted.

Benediction by Rev. A. E. Ives, of Castine.

Adjourned.

Afternoon—2½ o'clock.

CONFERENCE SERMON.

Rev. Smith Baker, of Orono, read John, 17th chap., and led in prayer.

United in singing,— "Stand up for Jesus."

Sermon—Rev. John R. Herrick, of Bangor Theological Seminary.

TEXT.—Nehemiah, 4:6. "The people had a mind to work."

Theme.—Increased activity in the churches.

Rev. Uriah Balkam, of Lewiston, offered prayer.

THE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY.

Rev. Professor Barbour, of Bangor Seminary, chairman of the committee appointed last year to consider the following subject, made a report.

"What shall be said of the tendency of pious young men to enter so generally upon lucrative and secular professions, and what shall be done to attract them to the ministry?"

The report noticed the decline of interest in becoming preachers, on the part of the young men, but laid no great stress upon it, as a "trouble to Israel." It was an "act of the Apostles," to lament that few "naturally cared for the spiritual state of the churches."

The report proposed, (1) Prayer, as the first and best *stated* way of getting men. Pray ye—before the white fields—pray ye the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest. (2) Instruction upon the Divine method of calling men to preach. Now, Christ is at counting-house desks, and boats, and in the fields,

calling on the young Matthews and Peters to follow him in preaching the word. No one is lifted into the pulpit by a direct act of omnipotence. The preacher being free, must be freely gained to freely teach. (3) Adequate salaries, such as men may live and grow upon. No man gets too much, if he is a "laborer," for "the laborer is worthy of his hire." Churches need not fear lest they over-pay their ministers. Ministers should be contented with adequate salaries. The ministry has no claim beyond a fair subsistence. It is a "good work," but a bad bank. Whoever finds that his bank account is growing, like a merchant's, off the proceeds of his preaching, for that reason should suspect that he is not a "good minister of Jesus Christ." (4) An exaltation of the ministerial office was counselled. The living ministry, and the heads of families, were specially charged to keep up the honor of the calling. See what honor is done it among the Scudders, Beechers, Tyngs, Duffields, Alexanders, and others, when succeeding generations keep at the work, in the love of it. The multiplicity and rivalry of theological seminaries was deprecated as an injury to the ministry. Men were followed by solicitors, offering inducements, by lowering the grade of scholarship, and shortening the time for study, until hardly any effort was needed to qualify one to preach. This is in the face of the scriptural method of training men. Paul insisted that no novice could be a bishop; a greater than Paul kept those who were to spread the gospel three years by his side, before sending them out as *stated ministers*.

The report closed with a desire for the heroic in our young men. The scourging, and mocking, and sawing asunder, is not all over. It has only shifted from the flesh, to the spirit. The critics are the crucifiers, and sensitive natures suffer as keenly as ever. Still one can be called a fool, and derided as no philosopher; but "Blessed are ye when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake." Who will take this for Christ? Who will go out with Him, bearing His reproach?

(Signed) WILLIAM M. BARBOUR,
JOHN O. FISKE.

Remarks were added by Rev. William H. Fenn, of Portland.

The report of the Committee was adopted.

Subsequently, on motion of Rev. David Shepley, of Yarmouth, it was

Voted, That the Publishing Committee be requested to secure its publication in the Christian Mirror. (See Report in full—Mirror, July 5, 1870.)

Sung,— "Oh, for a thousand tongues."

Prayer—Rev. John J. Carruthers, of Portland.

MAINE BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Organized in Portland, Nov. 19, 1818.

Prof. Jotham B. Sewall, of Brunswick, Treasurer, presented the claims of the Education Society, giving, also, a statement of the receipts and expenditures for the past year,—

FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand last report	6.77
Contribution at annual meeting, Bangor	70.58
" from seventeen Churches	521.69
" one Sabbath School	18.27
" four individuals	28.23
Bank dividends	52.00
Appropriation returned	20.00
Draft on parent Society	2029.86
	$2747.40

EXPENDITURES.

Dr. Pond, for beneficiaries	2315.00
Beneficiaries in Bowdoin College	425.00
Balance in Treasury, to new account	7.40
	$2747.40

The contribution taken amounted to $93.85.

OFFICERS OF THE MAINE BRANCH AMERICAN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Rev. ENOCH POND.....*President*.....Bangor.
Rev. JOHN O. FISKE.....*Vice-president*.....Bath.
Rev. WILLIAM M. BARBOUR.....*Secretary*.....Bangor.
Rev. Prof. JOTHAM B. SEWALL.....*Treasurer*.....Brunswick.
JOHN ROGERS.....*Auditor*.....Brunswick.

Directors.

President and Secretary, *ex-officiis;* Rev. D. SHEPLEY, and Prof. ALPHEUS S. PACKARD.

The Committee of Arrangements reported.

Benediction. Adjourned.

Seven o'clock, P. M.

A meeting of the MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY was held, at which plans were suggested to renew and deepen the interest in its objects : to aid the widows and children of deceased Ministers. A proposition was made to change the name to the MINISTERIAL AID SOCIETY, so that its sphere might be enlarged, to afford help to ministers that might need it.

Seven and a half o'clock. Conference resumed its session.

United in singing,—

"Come, thou fount of every blessing."

The Moderator read the 14th chapter of John.

Prayer—Rev. Willard Child, Delegate from New York.

CONGREGATIONAL PUBLISHING SOCIETY.

Rev. William Barrows, of Boston, presented the claims of this Society.

On motion of Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath, the following resolution was adopted :

That this Conference approve of the objects of the Congregational Publishing Society, and cordially commend it to the Churches, for a share in their annual contributions.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Sung two verses of the Missionary Hymn.

Rev. William Warren, District Secretary of the A. B. C. F. M. made an appeal for this cause.

Rev. Orson P. Allen, Missionary in Turkey, gave an interesting account of that field, and of the progress of the truth among that people, and in countries adjacent.

The Moderator introduced Rev. Benjamin G. Snow, as a native of this State, and educated here, who had just returned from a residence of eighteen years in the Micronesian Islands, laboring with great diligence and success in making known to that people the enlightening, elevating, and saving truths of the gospel.

Mr. Snow, with a map to illustrate the position of the Islands, gave an account of the past and present condition of the people, and showed what a transformation had been wrought by the power of the gospel. At the close, he read and sang several Hymns in two different dialects of the Islands. It was by his efforts that their language was first reduced to form, and books printed therein. Ten years he was at Strong's Island, and eight years on Ebon Island.

Prayer—Rev. George E. Adams, of Brunswick.

Committee of Arrangements made a report. Accepted.

Benediction—Rev. Luther Wiswall, of Windham. Adjourned.

Second Day—Wednesday, June 22.

Six o'clock, A. M.

Prayer Meeting in the First Church, conducted by Rev. Samuel H. Merrill, of Portland. At same hour, in Baptist Church, Upper Village, led by Rev. Rowland B. Howard, of Farmington.

Eight o'clock, Conference met.

Moderator read fifth chapter of Matthew.

Sung,— "Come, thou fount of every blessing."

Prayer—Rev. Silvanus Hayward, of York Conference.

NATIONAL CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL.

A communication was read from Rev. A. Hastings Ross, of Springfield, chairman of a committee appointed by the General Conference of Congregational Churches in Ohio, in reference to establishing "A National Council of Congregational Churches in the United States, to meet at stated times, but to have and to exercise no ecclesiastical authority whatever."

On motion of Rev. Charles C. Parker, of Gorham,—

VOTED, That it be referred to a Special Committee of one from each County Conference, to consider and report upon.

Committee :

Rev. C. C. Parker, Cumberland ; Rev. E. R. Osgood, Aroostook ; Rev. R. B. Howard, Franklin ; Rev. S. Tenney, Hancock ; Dea. M. J. Metcalf, Kennebec ; Rev. J. K. Mason, Lincoln and Sagadahoc ; Rev. J. B. Wheelwright, Oxford ; Rev. S. L. Bowler, Penobscot ; Rev. J. Cameron, Piscataquis : Rev. W. S. Sewall, Somerset ; Dea. J. H. Lovejoy, Union ; Rev. H. A. Shorey, Waldo ; Rev. W. Carruthers, Washington ; Dea. D. Roberts, York.

At a subsequent session, this Committee reported the following resolutions, which were adopted :

1. That the overture from the General Conference of Congregational Churches of Ohio, in regard to a stated National Council of Congregational Churches in the United States, meets our hearty concurrence.

2. That a committee of three be appointed by this Conference, to confer with like committees of similar bodies, in regard to the whole subject, and to report to this Conference at its next annual meeting.

Committee of three referred to above,—

Rev. CHARLES C. PARKER, of Gorham.
Rev. SOLOMON P. FAY, of Bangor.
Rev. BENJAMIN TAPPAN, of Norridgewock.

TREASURER AND AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Dea. Joseph S. Wheelwright, of Bangor, Treasurer, presented his report, which, with the report of the Auditor, Dea. William S. Dennett, of Bangor, were accepted, and placed on file.

RECEIPTS.

In the Treasury from old account	$59.60
Received at annual meeting in Hammond St. Church, Bangor	81.94
" from County Conferences, toward balance 1868	48.67
" from County Conferences, toward 1869	225.02
" from Churches for Minutes	57.70
" from Churches toward proportion of expenses	42.45
" from Minutes, sold out of the Conferences	3.60
	$518.98

EXPENDITURES.

Paid B. Thurston & Co., Portland, balance due for printing Minutes for 1868		$73.82
" B. Thurston & Co., paper, composition, printing, and binding Minutes for 1869		287.52
" S. S. Smith, Bangor, for bill of printing		7.25
" Publishing Com. for paper, blanks, circulars, postage, freight, &c.		79.80
" " " by vote of Conference		50.00
" Balance on hand, to new account		20.59
		$518.98

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

A communication was received from Rev. Professors Pond and Talcott, of the Bangor Theological Seminary, in reference to the action of this Society, on the will of Dea. I. Washburn, of Worcester, Mass., and referred to a Committee, consisting of Rev. U. Balkam, of Lewiston; Rev. Samuel H. Merrill, of Portland; Bro. Frederick E. Shaw, of South Paris; Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath; and Rev. William Warren, of Gorham. Dr. Balkam, Chairman of the Committee, subsequently made the following report, which was accepted:

It was not expected, of course, that the Committee to whom was referred the communication of Professors Pond and Talcott, would be able to make any extended or thorough examination of the facts.

The Committee had some knowledge of the case, as gathered from the press, and they have, to-day, carefully read the report of the Legacy Committee of the Bible Society, composed of six gentlemen in New York city.

If your Committee may rely upon the facts as presented in that published report, then they are clear that there is no case against the Bible Society.

So far as we have been able to understand all the facts, they have justly adhered to the duly executed and probated will of Mr. Washburn; and that, not selfishly but to their own pecuniary loss. And if these statements are not utterly false, Mrs. Washburn makes no claim based upon the unexecuted will.

Your Committee, therefore, do not feel that the views of Drs. Pond and Talcott are sustained, and see no reason why the confidence hitherto given to the Bible Society, should not be continued.

Rev. William H. Gilbert, of Hartford, Conn., on Thursday afternoon, presented the claims of the Society, and the following resolutions were adopted:

1. That we recognize with devout gratitude to God, the third noble effort of the American Bible Society, now in progress, to see that every family in our land, of every tribe and tongue, is supplied with a copy of the sacred Scriptures.

2. That while we feel called upon first to see that our own State is thoroughly supplied with the word of God, we heartily sympathize also in the vast foreign work of the Society.

NATIONAL CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL.

A communication was read from Rev. A. Hastings Ross, of Springfield, chairman of a committee appointed by the General Conference of Congregational Churches in Ohio, in reference to establishing "A National Council of Congregational Churches in the United States, to meet at stated times, but to have and to exercise no ecclesiastical authority whatever."

On motion of Rev. Charles C. Parker, of Gorham,—

VOTED, That it be referred to a Special Committee of one from each County Conference, to consider and report upon.

Committee :

Rev. C. C. Parker, Cumberland ; Rev. E. R. Osgood, Aroostook ; Rev. R. B. Howard, Franklin ; Rev. S. Tenney, Hancock ; Dea. M. J. Metcalf, Kennebec ; Rev. J. K. Mason, Lincoln and Sagadahoc ; Rev. J. B. Wheelwright, Oxford ; Rev. S. L. Bowler, Penobscot ; Rev. J. Cameron, Piscataquis : Rev. W. S. Sewall, Somerset ; Dea. J. H. Lovejoy, Union ; Rev. H. A. Shorey, Waldo ; Rev. W. Carruthers, Washington ; Dea. D. Roberts, York.

At a subsequent session, this Committee reported the following resolutions, which were adopted :

1. That the overture from the General Conference of Congregational Churches of Ohio, in regard to a stated National Council of Congregational Churches in the United States, meets our hearty concurrence.

2. That a committee of three be appointed by this Conference, to confer with like committees of similar bodies, in regard to the whole subject, and to report to this Conference at its next annual meeting.

Committee of three referred to above,—

Rev. CHARLES C. PARKER, of Gorham.
Rev. SOLOMON P. FAY, of Bangor.
Rev. BENJAMIN TAPPAN, of Norridgewock.

TREASURER AND AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Dea. Joseph S. Wheelwright, of Bangor, Treasurer, presented his report, which, with the report of the Auditor, Dea. William S. Dennett, of Bangor, were accepted, and placed on file.

RECEIPTS.

In the Treasury from old account	$59.60
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Following these resolutions, the Committee of Arrangements introduced

THE BIBLE QUESTION.

What position ought the Churches to take respecting "the Bible Question," which is now agitating the public mind?

Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine, was the first speaker; basing his remarks on the ground that this is a Christian nation; that the Bible is needed as a text-book of Christianity, and no one ought to object to its use.

President Harris, of Bowdoin College, thought it an open question. He valued the Americanizing influence of our common schools, and should regret anything that would drive foreigners from them.

Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath, and Rev. James Cameron, of Greenville, contended that no concession would satisfy the Romanists. The "Question" seemed to resolve itself into this: Shall seven millions of Roman Catholics, or thirty-three million Protestants rule America.

United in singing,— "How precious is the Book divine,
By inspiration given."

Adjourned.

MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Organized 1807,—Incorporated March 3, 1809.

SIXTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY.

Nine o'clock, A. M.

The *President*, Rev. GEORGE E. ADAMS, of Brunswick, read the Scriptures, and led in prayer.

Sermon, by Rev. Javan K. Mason, Thomaston.

TEXT.—Jeremiah 12: 5.

Subject.—The vitality and elasticity in a religion of principle, adapting it to this time, and to all times.

The Sermon, Report of the Treasurer and Trustees, the Topics, Speakers, Remarks, and Votes following, and Hymns sung, are reported in the proceedings of the Society, and included in this pamphlet; also, the officers for the ensuing year.

Annual contribution, $144.08.

Afternoon, two and one half o'clock. Conference resumed its session.

United in singing,— "Rock of Ages."

The Moderator read the 18th Psalm, and Rev. John D. Emerson, of Biddeford, led in prayer.

BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Committee to visit the Seminary, at its last anniversary, made a report through their Chairman, Rev. Henry F. Harding, of Machias.

Accepted,—to be published with the Minutes. (See Reports.)

MEMORIAL YEAR.

Rev. Rowland B. Howard, of Farmington, referred to the importance of our field of labor, as Congregationalists of Maine, and to the advantages we had to do the work needed.

1. We have 16,000 church members on the ground; 170 ministers; 20,000 in Sabbath Schools, with 2000 teachers; and 200 church edifices.
2. A Missionary Society, brought into closest possible sympathy with its patrons and beneficiaries.
3. A Theological Seminary; a College; several Academies; and soon shall have a Classical School.
4. A State Congregational paper—The Christian Mirror.
5. Our system of County Conferences, merging into the Annual Conference.

The Memorial work in Maine, is this:

1. To effect a closer sympathy, and warmer affection, between the churches and membership.
2. To make one grand concerted effort at a memorial offering, the effect of which shall be to start all our Congregational institutions in Maine upon a broader, higher and more vigorous life.

(Report in full published in Christian Mirror, June 29, 1870.)

United in singing,— "With my substance I will honor,
My Redeemer and my Lord."

Rev. Smith Baker, of Orono, offered the following resolutions:

1. That we hail with gratitude the *two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the settlement of New England by the Pilgrims*, and we recommend that this Memorial Year be celebrated by all Congregationalists in Maine, in the form of thank-offerings to God, which shall be applied to the objects recommended by the Chicago Convention, and more especially for the endowment of three institutions of learning in Maine—the Bangor Theological Seminary, Bowdoin College, and a Classical School.
2. That a committee of one from each local Conference be appointed, to make and execute plans for canvassing our churches and congregations, and whatever else may in their judgment properly belong to this Memorial Year.
3. That a collection be taken at the Memorial meeting, this evening, for the use of the committee.

The resolutions were adopted, after remarks by Rev. Messrs. S. Baker, Wm. Warren, Geo. E. Adams, and J. K. Mason.

COMMITTEE. *Aroostook*—Rev. William T. Sleeper, of Sherman Mills; *Cumberland*—Rev. Professor John S. Sewall, of Brunswick; *Franklin*—Rev. Rowland B. Howard, of Farmington; *Hancock*—Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine; *Kennebec*—Rev. Benjamin A. Robie, of Waterville; *Lincoln and Sagadahoc*—Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath; *Oxford*—Rev. John B. Wheelwright, of South Paris; *Penobscot*—Rev. Smith

Baker, of Orono; *Piscataquis*—Rev. Peter B. Thayer, of Garland; *Somerset*—Rev. Webster Woodbury, of Skowhegan; *Union*—Rev. David B. Sewall, of Fryeburg; *Waldo*—Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Searsport; *Washington*—Rev. William Carruthers, of Calais; *York*—Rev. John D. Emerson, of Biddeford.

(At a meeting of the committee, Rev. R. B. Howard, of Farmington, was chosen CHAIRMAN; Professor John S. Sewall, of Brunswick, TREASURER; Rev. Webster Woodbury, of Skowhegan, SECRETARY.)

Rev. Charles Packard, of Waldoboro', led in prayer.

STATED SUPPLIES.

Rev. Sewall Tenney, of Ellsworth, from the committee to whom was referred, last year, the following topic,—

"What shall be said of the tendency on the part of the ministry to labor as stated supply rather than as settled pastors, and how shall the tendency be corrected,"

presented their report, embodied in the accompanying resolution,—

RESOLVED, That we regret the tendency, on the part of the ministry, to labor as stated supplies, rather than as settled pastors, as contrary to the Congregational polity; harmful to the churches, removing their great safe-guard against heresy; harmful to the ministry, by fostering instability in the pastoral relation. And we recommend that our churches seek a return to the ancient puritanical and scriptural custom of receiving their ministers through installation by mutual council.

The subject was earnestly discussed by Rev. Messrs. John J. Carruthers, of Portland; John O. Fiske, of Bath; Solomon P. Fay, of Bangor; Sewall Tenney, of Ellsworth; William H. Fenn, of Portland; Professor John R. Herrick, of Bangor, sustaining the principle embraced in the report of the committee. Revs. James Cameron, of Greenville; Charles H. Gates, of Buxton; Alpha Morton, of West Auburn; Isaac Rogers, of Farmington; and Dea. Smith Baker, of Litchfield, referred to the seeming necessity of securing stated supplies, and to the difficulties in the way of carrying out the recommendation of the resolve.

The resolution was adopted.

MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

Incorporated January 23, 1821.

FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL STATEMENT.

The report of the Treasurer, Rev. Charles Packard, of Waldoboro, was presented.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in the Treasury in 1869	$396.25	
Annual Meeting at Bangor	106.42	
From five Churches and Societies	93.87	
From eight individuals	41.00	
Interest on permanent funds	150.81	
		$788.35

EXPENDITURES.

Disbursed to fifteen widows and children.	$540.00	
Expenses	1.15	
Bal. in Treasury	247.20	
		$788.35

Rev. U. Balkam, of Lewiston, chairman of the committee appointed last year, on the subject of "enlarging the scope, and increasing the funds of this Society," presented a paper, an abstract of which follows,—

. . . We hold, as descendants of the Pilgrims, to the most distinct individuality. We are still separatists, from every thing social, in so far as is necessary to insure a personal and responsible independence of character. But we go not so far as to absolve ourselves from obligations of love, of sympathy, and aid one to another. . . . Our regards flow to the limits of our body as a conference of churches, and embrace all the members. . . . The report went on to show, that this Society asks relief for those who have suffered the brunt of the conflict,—who have been pressed, straitened, if not crushed,—who have occupied the hard places,—whom age, infirmity, or sickness has overtaken,—who have lived poor, and died poor, leaving widows and orphans in penury.

We run up our banner inscribed "*Relief.*" The name indicates a pressure. It indicates that some are in strait places,—a cry to go to them with relief. . . . It would inject new blood into the veins of many a faithful minister, many in the service, but not of it, to be assured that when he is gone his family will have the regards and cheer of the whole body! that the *whole* family will think of certain of the poor members, scattered here and there! And we think that not so many would be deterred from entering Christ's ministry to our churches, if we could give them *any* assurance that in the possibilities of sickness and death,—poverty would not overtake them and theirs, like a strong man armed! We are a battalion of Christians in the army of the Lord, going forth to battle, but we make no provision for the sick and disabled! . . . It is not charity to relieve them:—it is but simple justice. . . . Every dollar given,—every cup of cold water, every tear of sympathy, every gift of kindness—will add to the store of *durable riches.* (See also, Mirror, June 28.)

Amount of contribution this afternoon $111.00.

OFFICERS OF THE MAINE CONG'L CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

Dea. SAMUEL ADAMS.	*President*	Castine.
Rev. SEWALL TENNEY	*Vice-president*	Ellsworth.
Rev. EDWARD F. CUTTER	*Secretary*	Rockland.
Rev. JONATHAN E. ADAMS	*Treasurer*	Searsport.
Dea. ROBERT PORTER	*Auditor*	Searsport.

The President, Secretary, and Treasurer, *ex-officiis*, Rev. Messrs. E. POND, D SHEPLEY, S. TENNEY, R. WOODHULL, S. THURSTON, and Bro. EBEN STEELE, of Portland, *Trustees.*

THE MINISTERIAL RELIEF SOCIETY was organized in Yarmouth, June 22, 1870, with a constitution drawn by the committee re-appointed last year (see *Minutes of 1869, p.* 17), under the advice and counsel of Judges Red-

ington and May. Hon. Seth May, of Lewiston, PRESIDENT; Rev. J. S. Adams, of Searsport, TREASURER. The design of this organization is to afford aid to the *ministry*, as well as to the widows and children of ministers. The subject of merging that Society in the new organization was discussed by the Maine Cong'l Charitable Society, but not consummated. The Ministerial Relief Society have provided for such an arrangement, if it should be concluded.

Report of the Committee of Arrangements. Accepted.

United in singing,— "Jesus, lover of my soul."

Benediction by Rev. Smith Baker, of Orono.

Adjourned.

During the session of Conference, this afternoon, the Central Church was filled with an audience of ladies, at a meeting held in behalf of the Woman's Board of Missions. Addresses were made by Mrs. George Gould, of Boston, Sec'y of the Board, Mrs. Homer Bartlett, of Boston, Treasurer; and by Mrs. B. G. Snow, of the Micronesian, and Mrs. O. P. Allen, of the Turkish Mission, wives of the Missionaries who spoke last evening.

Evening—7½ o'clock.

United in singing,— "Come, thou fount of every blessing."

The Moderator read a part of the 107th Psalm.

Prayer—Rev. Josiah T. Hawes, of Litchfield.

AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

Capt. Andrew Bartlett, of Boston, presented the claims of seamen.

AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

The work and claims of this Society, among the Freedmen, were urged by Rev. Giles Pease, of Boston.

AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY.

By Rev. John Woods, of Wolfboro', N. H.

Sung,— "Breast the wave, Christian."

Prayer—Rev. Edward P. Thwing, of Westbrook.

GREETINGS FROM VERMONT.

The General Convention of Vermont, now in session, sent the following message by telegraph:

MONTPELIER, June 22, 1870.

To the General Conference of Maine:—From the Mountains to the Sea, we send our Jubilee greetings; all the brethren greet you.

A. B. DASCOMB, *Delegate, by order of the Convention.*

On motion of Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine, it was voted,

That the Conference, through the Moderator, make response.

The following telegram was forwarded:

YARMOUTH, June 22, 1870.

To the General Convention of Vermont:—The General Conference of Maine returns your Jubilee greetings, and reaches its arms from the Sea to the Mountains, to extend the congratulations of Memorial Year.

NELSON DINGLEY, jr., *Moderator.*

[A note subsequently received from Mr. Dascomb, says: "We received the telegram at just the right time, as we were about to hold our JUBILEE meeting, the largest and best meeting we had."]

CONGREGATIONALISM.

Rev. Henry F. Harding, of Machias, Chairman of the Committee, appointed last year, on the subject, submitted their report, of which the following is an abstract; the report in full is published in the Christian Mirror, July 19,—(Revs. H. F. Harding, U. Balkam, Wooster Parker, Benj. Tappan, E. F. Cutter, Committee).

In the consideration of the subject, all the points of interest resolve themselves into two questions: Has Congregationalism a valid reason for its existence? and, Has it a mission still to perform in the world? As a historical fact, Congregationalism had its origin three hundred years ago in that body of men fitly designated as Separatists, who separated themselves from the moral corruption, the ecclesiastical perversions, from the Puritan non-conformists, from their country and possessions, to restore the purity and simplicity of the Apostolic Church.

It recognizes John Robinson as one of its early expounders; but sprang, in fact, from certain great political, moral, and religious principles and tendencies.

These principles were essentially two,—Absolute faith in the Bible,—Absolute faith in the free intelligence of man. Under the operation of these principles, the church and school have been its significant and omnipresent symbols,—it is unchangeably evangelical in faith,—produces and tolerates perfect individuality of thought and action,—imposes no creed or ritual,—and obeys implicitly the law of progress. Its churches are self-constituted and self-governing. It is committed to no system of theology, but has been generally Calvinistic, yet does not regard this as a finality in theology. It strives for unity in diversity; and presents the form of the Holy Catholic Church. It does not claim any originality as to the principles, but first combines them in one system, accepts their legitimate and ultimate consequences, and embodies them in facts.

Its mission to the world is to supply a liberal Christian culture; an unsectarian religious education; and, *secondly*, it opens the only way of egress and progress out of the deadlock of sectarianism, by preaching a pure gospel, and presenting a form of church fellowship, broad enough to embrace all regenerative souls in the community.

To accomplish its mission, we need more self-interest and self-assertion ; the free expression and earnest vindication of its own principles. We need preparatory Schools, Colleges, and Seminaries, to realize the true idea of a liberal, Christian culture. We need enlarged missionary operations, through both ministerial and lay effort. We need greatly more efficient organization. And most of all, we need the perpetual inbreathing of that Holy Spirit, which made the Pilgrims what they were, and through them wrought all their works.

Rev. U. Balkam, of Lewiston, from the same committee, reported the following resolutions:

That the General Conference of Congregational Churches in Maine is glad to embrace the 250th year from the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers, to call particular attention to that great event, and to put upon record our sense of the greatness of the mission therein committed to the Congregational Churches in this country.

That we regard it as a historic fact, impossible of contradiction, that the New Testament idea of a Christian church had been for many centuries dropped out of history, and that it was a peculiar call of God's providence upon the Pilgrims to restore that lost conception to ecclesiastical, and even to universal history, as it should become conspicuous in the rise of a new and great nation founded essentially after the primitive model of Christian churches, and foreshadowed in all essential features by the "civil body politic" entered into by the Pilgrim Fathers before they left the cabin of the Mayflower.

That as it was the part of the Separatists of England, and the Pilgrims to New England, to reinaugurate with historic conspicuousness and power the apostolic conception of "Churches of God"—or voluntary associations of individual believers, knowing no rightful head but Christ—so, we to whom has been especially transmitted the heritage of their teaching and example, shall be unfaithful to the trust, if we do not with faith, industry, and zeal, extend and advance the work begun by them at the cost of every earthly good.

That there is a true Christian denominationalism, which is not inconsistent with the most enlarged fellowship, but on the contrary is essential thereto, since a proper catholicity cannot be based upon indifferentism, or a vague, undiscriminating love of all denominations alike, but is grounded in the existence of sects, with sectarian preferences limited and inspirited by the mind of Christ.

That the indifference of Congregationalists hitherto to their own upbuilding, has not been their strength but their weakness, and the occasion by necessary consequence, not of greater usefulness, but of diminished numbers and importance as a co-laborer with other denominations in the great vineyard of Christ.

That we therefore welcome the assertion of a more denominational spirit; that we hail as important to ourselves and useful to the kingdom of Christ whatever may give us greater unity, vitality, and zeal as independent but united churches, and as among the means to this end approve the establishment of a National Triennial Council, which shall be representative of all the churches and interests of our denomination in the land.

That we recommend to our brethren in the ministry to preach from time to time not only upon the primitive model of churches as presented in the New Testament and early history of the church, but especially upon those portions of English and American history which narrate the exhuming of that model from the burial of centuries, and its appearance in the 16th and 17th centuries to assert itself, we trust, with increasing power till the Church of Christ has completed her mission on earth.

These reports were accepted, and remarks and discussion thereupon was assigned to to-morrow forenoon.

United in singing,— "My country, 'tis of thee."

Benediction by Rev. Samuel Bowker, of Wells.

Adjourned.

Third Day—Thursday, June 23, 1870.

Six o'clock. Morning.

Prayer-meeting, led by Rev. George Harris, of Auburn; also at the same hour in the Baptist Church, Upper Village, in charge of Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine.

Eight o'clock.

The Moderator read the fifteenth chapter of John.

Prayer—Rev. Horatio Ilsley, of Cumberland Conference.

TOBACCO.

The following resolution was introduced,—

WHEREAS, the common use of Tobacco is alarmingly prevalent in our country, especially with the young,—our strength and glory; and whereas the use of Tobacco is undermining the power of the Church and State,—for it is declared by eminent physicians and philanthropists in this and other nations to be a physical, intellectual, and moral evil, and manifestly a great ally of intemperance; therefore,

RESOLVED, That we fully accord with the views represented in the above preamble, and that in the judgment of this Conference of Churches, the use of Tobacco, in any form, should be discountenanced by the Christian church, ministry, and press.

After discussion, in which Rev. Messrs. U. Balkam, of Lewiston; S. Hayward, of South Berwick; W. Warren, of Gorham; S. P. Fay, of Bangor; B. G. Snow, of Micronesia; W. Parker, of Belfast; J. T. Hawes, of Litchfield; Dea. Stephen Sewall, of Winthrop, and Charles Morgridge, of Portland participated, the resolution was adopted.

TEMPERANCE.

On motion of Rev. John D. Emerson, of Biddeford, the following minute was adopted:

RESOLVED, That it is the sense of this Conference, that the ground the church should take on the subject of Temperance is *Teetotalism*, as regards the use of all intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and we will do all we can to *pledge* those within our influence to the practice of this principle.

A communication was received from Rev. John W. Chickering, Secretary of the Suffolk Temperance Society, Boston, accompanying some Temperance documents for distribution.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Rev. Benjamin A. Robie, of Waterville, in behalf of the Committee, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted, as follows:

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Delegates to attend in person, or send a written communication.—RULE 13.

General Association of New Hampshire.

Fourth Tuesday of August (22), 1870, at 10 a. m., in Milford.

PRIMARY. SUBSTITUTE.

Rev. S. HAYWARD.....South Berwick. | Rev. BENSON M. FRINK.....Saco.

General Convention of Vermont.

Third Tuesday of June (20), 1871, in Newport.

Rev. GEORGE A. PUTNAM....Yarmouth. | Rev. CHARLES C. PARKER ....Gorham.

General Association of Congregational Churches in Massachusetts.

Second Tuesday of June (13), 1871, in East Hampton.

Rev. E. H. TITUS.....Bethel. | Rev. GEO. W. FIELD.....Bangor.

General Conference of the Congregational Churches of Connecticut.

Tuesday, November 1, 1870, in New London.

Rev. J. B. WHEELWRIGHT.....S. Paris. | Bro. J. B. BRADBURY.....Waterville.

Rhode Island Congregational Conference.

Second Tuesday of June (13), 1871, with Free Church, Providence.

Rev. S. L. BOWLER.....Hampden. | Rev. W. R. CROSS.....New Gloucester.

General Association of New York.

October 18, 1870, at 2 p. m., at Albany.

Rev. JOSEPH KYTE.....Stockton. | Rev. GEORGE HARRIS.....Auburn.

General Association of New Jersey.

October 25, 1870, in Tabernacle Church, Jersey City.

Rev. WM. W. DOW.....Waterford. | Rev. BENJ. A. ROBIE.....Waterville.

General Association of Michigan.

Third Wednesday of May (17), 1871, at 7 1-2 p. m., in Rome.

Rev. B. T. SANBORN.....Elliot. | Rev. J. LORING PRATT.....Strong.

Ohio Congregational Conference.

Second Tuesday of June (13), 1871, at 7 p. m.,

Rev. JAVAN K. MASON.....Thomaston. | Rev. PHILO B. WILCOX.....Otisfield.

General Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers, Indiana.

First Thursday of June (1), 1871, at 7 p. m., at Terra Haute.

Rev. H. A. SHOREY.....Camden. | Rev. JOHN H. W. BAKER... ..Topsham.

General Association of Illinois.

Fourth Wednesday of May (24), 1871, in Moline.

Rev. W. NEWELL.....Brewer Village. | Rev. JOHN C. ADAMS.....Falmouth.

General Association of Congregational Churches in Missouri.

Third Wednesday in October (19), 1870, at 7 p. m., in Pilgrim Church, St. Louis.

Rev. EDW'D P. BAKER.....Winthrop. | Rev. EDW'D P. THWING.....Westbrook.

General Association of Iowa.

Fourth Wednesday in May (24), 1871, at 7 p. m., in Marion.

Rev. THOMAS G. MITCHELL...Madison. | Rev. SMITH BAKER, JR.....Orono.

General Congregational Conference of Minnesota.

Second Thursday in October (13), 1870, in Northfield.

Rev. STEPHEN THURSTON....Searsport. | Rev. JOHN U. PARSONS.....Acton.

Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin.

First Wednesday in October (5), 1870, in Racine.

Rev. PETER B. THAYER.....Garland. | Rev. A. BLANCHARD.....S. Bridgton.

General Association of Congregational Ministers and Churches in Kansas.

Second Wednesday in May (10), 1871, in Emporia.

Rev. CHAS. PACKARD.....Waldoboro'. | Rev. JOHN D. EMERSON.....Biddeford.

Congregational General Association of Oregon.

Third Thursday in June (15), 1871.

Rev. JOHN J. BULFINCH....New Castle. | Dea. SIMON PAGE.....Hallowell.

Congregational Association of California.

October 5, 1870, in Sacramento.

Rev. GEORGE E. STREET.....Wiscasset. | Rev. GEORGE LEWIS.....Alfred.

Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

First Friday in September (2), 1870, in St. John, N. B.

Rev. WILLIAM CARRUTHERS....Calais. | Rev. E. L. FOSTER....St. Stephens, N. B.

Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec.

Wednesday after the first Sabbath in June (7), 1871, at 7 1-2 p. m., in Guelph, Ontario.

Rev. W. E. DARLING.....Kennebunk. | Rev. S. HOPKINS.....Standish.

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.

Thursday, May 18, 1871, in 1st Presbyterian Church, Chicago, Ill.

Rev. EDWARD F. CUTTER.....Rockland. | Rev. H. ILSLEY.....S. Freeport.

Maine Baptist Missionary Convention.

Third Tuesday in June (20), 1871.

Rev. EDWARD R. OSGOOD.....Houlton. | Rev. JOHN J. BELL.....Phipsburg.

Maine Conference of Methodist Episcopal Church.

May, 1871, in Chestnut Street Church, Portland.

Rev. JOHN DINSMORE.....Winslow. | Rev. E. BEAN.....Gray.

East Maine Conference of Methodist Episcopal Church.

May, 1871, in Dexter.

Rev. P. B. THAYER.....Garland. | Rev. A. H. WRIGHT.....Winterport.

Freewill Baptist Yearly Meeting.

Third Tuesday in August (16), 1870, in Pittsfield.

Rev. B. TAPPAN.....Norridgewock. | Rev. J. CAMERON.....Greenville.

COMMITTEES.

Standing of Ministers.

Rev. ENOCH POND.....Bangor. | Rev. JOHN J. CARRUTHERS...Portland.
Rev. GEORGE E. ADAMS....Brunswick. | Rev. CHARLES TENNEY.....Biddeford.
Rev. STEPHEN THURSTON....Searsport. |

Sabbath Schools—Rev. SMITH BAKER, jr., of Orono.

Publication of Minutes.

Dea. E. F. DUREN, Rev. JOHN R. HERRICK, and JOHN L. CROSBY, of Bangor.

To visit the Theological Seminary, Bangor.

MEMBERS.	RESIDENCE.	CONFERENCE.
Rev. WILLIAM T. SLEEPER	Sherman Mills	*Aroostook.*
Rev. URIAH BALKAM	Lewiston	*Cumberland.*
Rev. STEPHEN TITCOMB	Farmington	*Franklin.*
Rev. THOMAS E. BRASTOW	Orland	*Hancock.*
Rev. JOSIAH T. HAWES	Litchfield	*Kennebec.*
Rev. GILBERT B. RICHARDSON	New Castle	*Lincoln and Sagadahoc.*
Rev. EUGENE H. TITUS	Bethel	*Oxford.*
Bro. MICHAEL SCHWARTZ	Bangor	*Penobscot.*
Rev. JOHN H. GURNEY	Foxcroft	*Piscataquis.*
Rev. WEBSTER WOODBURY	Skowhegan	*Somerset.*
Rev. WILLIAM W. DOW	Waterford	*Union.*
Rev. H. ALLEN SHOREY	Camden	*Waldo.*
Rev. HENRY F. HARDING	Machias	*Washington.*
Rev. THOMAS N. LORD	Limerick	*York.*

NEXT MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

On Tuesday preceding the fourth Wednesday of June (27), 1871, at nine o'clock A. M., with the Winter Street Congregational Church in Bath.

Committee of Arrangements.

Rev. JOHN O. FISKE, Rev. WILLIAM HART, Bro. JAMES OLIVER.

Advisory Committee to represent the Maine Branch of the Education Society, and the Maine Congregational Charitable Society.

Rev. WILLIAM M. BARBOUR, of Bangor; Rev. EDWARD F. CUTTER, of Rockland.

Preacher—Tuesday Forenoon.

Rev. C. G. MCCULLY, Hallowell, Prim. | Rev. WM. H. FENN, Portland, Sub.

Committee on Nominations.

Rev. STEPHEN L. BOWLER, of Penobscot Conference.
Rev. HORACE TOOTHAKER, of Franklin Conference.
Rev. JOHN W. H. BAKER, of Union Conference.
Rev. EDGAR L. FOSTER, of Washington Conference.
Rev. WILLIAM T. SLEEPER, of Aroostook Conference.
Rev. GEORGE E. STREET, of Lincoln and Sagadahoc Conference.

RULES AMENDED.

On motion of Rev. U. Balkam, of Lewiston, the eighth article of the Rules of Conference was amended, by adding after the words termination of debate, "to lay upon the table."

A communication from a member of the Kennebec Conference, respecting an abstract of the Minutes and Reports of the Maine Missionary Society, was referred, on Thursday afternoon, to the Publishing Committee.

Sung,— **"On the mountain tops appearing."**

SALUTATIONS OF CORRESPONDING BODIES.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MASSACHUSETTS.—Rev. Horace James, of Lowell.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK.—Rev. Willard Child, D. D., of Crown Point.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY.—Rev. Edward Hawes, of Philadelphia.

GENERAL CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE OF MINNESOTA.—Rev. Americus Fuller, of Rochester.

FREEWILL BAPTIST YEARLY MEETING.—Rev. Hiram Whicher, of New Gloucester, in the absence of Rev. Benjamin F. Pritchard, of Cape Elizabeth.

Letters were read from the following Corresponding Bodies:

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN MISSOURI.—Rev. William H. Warren, of St. Louis, Delegate. Read by Rev. Smith Baker, jr., of Orono.

PRESBYTERIAN AND CONGREGATIONAL CONVENTION OF WISCONSIN.—Rev. Enos J. Montague, of Oconomowoc, Delegate. By Rev. Benson M. Frink, of Saco.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK.—Rev. J. Woodward. By the Secretary.

EAST MAINE CONFERENCE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—Rev. William L. Brown, of New Castle, Delegate. By Rev. J. W. H. Baker, of Topsham.

United in singing,— "Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love."

The Moderator responded to the Salutations of the Delegates, who with us acknowledge one common Master, having one and the same banner, floating above all others,—JESUS, the head of the church universal.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Rev. David Garland, of Bethel, as Corresponding Secretary, read a synopsis of the Forty-fourth Annual Report of the state of the Churches in the General Conference, with other matters deemed appropriate to this "Memorial Year," setting forth clearly the views entertained by Conference on all the great questions of the day.

Report accepted.

Having reference to the decease of those mentioned in the report, Conference united in singing,—

"My days are gliding swiftly by." [Shining Shore.]

STATE CLASSICAL SCHOOL.

Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, of Hampden, submitted the following report:

The Committee appointed to consider the expediency of establishing a Classical School within the bounds of this Conference, would respectfully report,

1. That after a careful consideration of the subject submitted to them, they have the conviction that the *demand* for such a school is not only great, but increasing year. Young men of talent and promise, who of right belong to our denomination in our State, who need the discipline and culture of Bowdoin College and

Bangor Seminary, and who, under better provisions for their preparatory discipline, might be expected to enlarge the classes of one or both these institutions, and to add materially to the working force of our churches and ministry in this State, are now lost to us,—many of them to our denomination,—more of them to our commonwealth, for the want of such a school as is contemplated in this report. They go out from us for their preparatory course where influences are brought to bear upon them that take them away to distant institutions for their collegiate and professional training, and to distant fields of labor, and thus we lose them by scores and by fifties.

2. Your Committee in their endeavor to call a more earnest attention to this *demand* for a Classical School have, in various ways, brought the subject before the minds of prominent men in this State,—have introduced it for discussion into our County Conferences,—have gathered and made known numerous facts in regard to the establishment of other Classical Schools,—have invited proposals, as inducements for location from various Boards of Trust where Academies or Seminaries already exist, and in communications from Yarmouth, from Gorham, from Hampden, from Hallowell, from Camden, &c., have received proposals, encouragements, and assurances for the transfer of school property, such as land, buildings, funds, apparatus, libraries, &c., to the value (according to the estimates made) of various sums, ranging from $8000, to $30,000. In one or two localities, the cash and available funds which may be had,—to say nothing of land and buildings,—will amount to at least $17,000. These offers and inducements are made on condition in each case that the Maine Classical School be located as desired by the party making the proposal.

3. In view of the urgent need of the school proposed, and of the increased interest now felt in this enterprise, we recommend that a Classical School of high order for both sexes be established as soon as may be, after $50,000 shall have been raised for this purpose ; and that an executive committee numbering five persons be chosen and authorized by this Conference to solicit and receive subscriptions and donations, to appoint a treasurer, and, if necessary, to employ an agent who shall devote his time and energy to the acquisition of funds till the above-named $50,000 be obtained.

And in order to secure the best location for the school, we further recommend that a committee consisting of one from each County Conference be chosen whose duty it shall be to examine proposals, consider inducements for particular locations, and to decide according to their best judgment which of all the places suggested to them combines the greatest advantages for such a school, and to make public their decision as soon as they may be able through the Christian Mirror.

As Congregationalists we have three institutions in this State which are especially dear to us all,—our College, our Seminary, and Missionary Society. These three are helpers one of another. We need one more that shall be a support to these,—one more whose office it shall be to lift all three of these to a higher vantage ground and to a more prosperous condition. Let the Maine Classical School be established, and let it stand before the coming generations of our beloved Zion in Maine, as a significant monument of our foresight and liberality, bearing the inscription of "MEMORIAL YEAR."

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. BOWLER, J. S. WHEELWRIGHT, J. D. EMERSON, *Committee.*

Rev. President Harris, of Bowdoin College, moved the acceptance of the report, and added remarks on the importance of the project. Additional testimony was borne by Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Searsport, who seconded *the motion,* and by Rev. S. P. Fay, of Bangor.

On the latter motion, the report was amended so as to provide that the institution shall take the name of the donor who will contribute the largest sum towards it, not less than $25,000.

The report was accepted.

Rev. Messrs. William Warren, Smith Baker, jr., and John B. Wheelwright, were appointed to nominate an Executive Committee of five; also, a Committee of one from each Conference, on location, each Committee to have power to fill vacancies.

The following were appointed:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—Rev. John D. Emerson, of Biddeford; Hon. Nelson Dingley, jr., of Lewiston; Rev. Rowland B. Howard, of Farmington; Rev. Henry F. Harding, of Machias; Rev. Harrison A. Shorey, of Camden. Rev. H. F. Harding was elected Chairman.

LOCATING COMMITTEE.—Rev. William T. Sleeper, of Sherman Mills, *Aroostook Conference;* Dea. Thomas R. Hayes, of Portland, *Cumberland;* Dea. E. P. Thwing, of New Sharon, *Franklin;* Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine, *Hancock;* Hon. Simon Page, of Hallowell, *Kennebec;* Asa C. Palmer, of Bath, *Lincoln and Sagadahoc;* Rev. John B. Wheelwright, of South Paris, *Oxford;* John B. Foster, of Bangor, *Penobscot;* Rev. Peter B. Thayer, of Garland, *Piscataquis;* Rev. Webster Woodbury, of Skowhegan, *Somerset;* Hon. Rufus Gibbs, of Bridgton, *Union;* Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Searsport, *Waldo;* Charles F. Swan, of Calais, *Washington;* Hon. Joseph Titcomb, of Kennebunk, *York.* At a meeting notified and held in Bangor, July 27, 1870, John B. Foster, of Bangor, was chosen *Chairman;* Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine, *Secretary.* Dea. T. R. Hayes, of Portland, Chairman, *pro tem.*

CONGREGATIONALISM.

The reports of the committee on this subject, presented last evening, came up for discussion.

Remarks were made by Rev. Professor John R. Herrick, of Bangor Seminary, with special reference to the JUBILEE YEAR, and the raising of a MEMORIAL FUND; also by President Harris, of Bowdoin College; Rev. R. B. Howard, of Farmington; and Rev. S. P. Fay, of Bangor. The latter referred especially to the interest of Western churches in this matter.

The reports were adopted.

Sung,— "How firm a foundation."

Report from the Committee of Arrangements. Accepted.

Final calling of the Roll.

Benediction by Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath.

Adjourned.

COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.

Half-past two o'clock P. M.

The usual invitation was extended to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ, to unite with us in the observance of the ordinance.

"In the Cross of Christ I glory."

Rev. Charles Tenney, of Biddeford, read the eighth chapter of Romans, and led in prayer.

The ordinance was administered by Rev. Benjamin G. Snow, of the Micronesian Mission, and Rev. Charles C. Parker, of Gorham, who each offered remarks, and led in prayer.

The elements were distributed by Deacons Matthias Allen, Tristram G. Mitchell, and Barnabas Freeman, of Yarmouth; Samuel W. Larrabee, of Portland; Simon Page, of Hallowell; and Andrew C. Chandler, of N. Gloucester.

Sung,— "Shall we, whose souls are lighted."

Rev. Charles Packard, of Waldoboro', addressed a few words to those who had not yet professed their allegiance to Christ.

The usual collection was taken:—amount, $49.16; one-half of which, by vote of Conference, goes to the Maine Missionary Society.

VOTE OF THANKS.

Rev. H. A. Shorey, of Camden, with appropriate remarks, introduced the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Conference are due, and are most heartily given to the Committee, and to all the members of this Church and Society;—also, to the sister Church and Society over the way;—to the Baptist Society, for the use of their house of worship;—and to all the good people in this place for their earnest welcome, their generous hospitality, and untiring effort to make us feel at home while with them;—to the Committee of Arrangements for their efforts to render our sessions interesting and profitable;—to the ladies for the beautiful flowers;—and last, but not least, to those whose wisdom and skill has given us, at each session, congregational singing, so desirable and appropriate to the worship of God in his sanctuary;—also, to the rail-road and steamboat companies for their reduction of fare.

Our prayer is, that the fruits gathered by this people may prove that the spirit of God has so pervaded all our hearts as to leave a lasting impression, and we ourselves go back to our homes, strengthened for the great work not only of this MEMORIAL YEAR, but for every year of our life;—so that each may be a memorial one to HIM who loved us, and died for us.

The resolution was cordially adopted.

Rev. George A. Putnam, pastor of the Church, responded pertinently and tenderly.

United in singing the hymn of Christian fellowship,—

"Blest be the tie."

Benediction by Rev. Isaac Rogers, of Farmington.

Adjourned.

Evening—7½ o'clock.

The Moderator being absent, Rev. Smith Baker, jr., of Orono, was appointed Moderator *pro tem.*

The devotional exercises were led by Rev. Lewis Goodrich, of Wells.

The chairman read his report as Secretary for Sabbath Schools in the Conference.

Whole number of schools, 236; male teachers, 796; female teachers, 1,470; male pupils, 8,132; female pupils, 12,759; total teachers, 2,266; pupils, 20,891= 23,157. Uniform lessons in 104 schools, question books in 131; number observing the monthly concert, 168; teachers' meetings in 60 schools; Sabbath School papers, 7,047; twenty-eight use black-boards; conversions, 284; benevolent contributions, $9,740.

The report referred to what the schools might do to commemorate this memorial year.

The report was accepted.

Remarks were made to teachers and parents by Rev. E. R. Osgood, of Houlton; to the children and youth by Revs. E. R. Borchers, of Bridgton; B. G. Snow, of Micronesia; J. Cameron, of Greenville; and H. A. Shorey, of Camden. Several beautiful hymns were sung during the evening by the Sabbath Schools of Yarmouth, under the direction of Dr. Burbank—Miss Annie Burbank, Pianist.

After benediction by Rev. J. K. Mason, of Thomaston, the Conference adjourned.

E. F. DUREN, *Recording Secretary.*

*** Full Reports are published in the Portland and Bangor Dailies, Christian Mirror, Boston Journal, Congregationalist and Recorder, Advance, and other papers.

NECROLOGY.

No minister in active service in the churches has died during the year.

FORMER PASTORS.

Rev. JOHN H. MORDOUGH, died in Gorham, Sabbath evening, September 5, 1869, aged 59.

Mr. M. was born in Wakefield, N. H., Oct. 22, 1810. Theological course pursued in Andover and New Haven (1835). Ordained in Effingham, N. H., May, 1836, preaching and teaching in Academy at E. Installed pastor Second Church, Westbrook, June 17, 1840; dismissed Sept. 18, 1844. Pastor in Hamilton, Mass., June, 1850, to April, 1861; then removed to Minot, Me.; stated supply in Newfield, 1862-3; Parsonsfield, 1862; at St. Lawrence street Church, Portland, Sept. 21, 1862 to 1864. A man of decided ability, earnest, genial, a good preacher, and ever meant to be on the side of right, even to the sacrifice of much of self-interest. His last sickness, connected with the softening of the brain, was severe and protracted, yet borne with patience.

Rev. HENRY LEWIS HALL, died in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., November 6, 1869, aged 34.

Mr. Hall was born in Guilford, Conn., Nov. 25, 1835. Fitted for college at East Hampton; graduated at Yale, 1860; one year with the army as chaplain of the 10th Connecticut; three years in Halle, Germany, studying theology with Tholuck, in whose family he was, most of the time, and with whom he was on terms of the most cordial intimacy. From Rockville, Conn., he was installed pastor of High street Church, Auburn, Me., January 23, 1868; resigned on account of ill health Feb. 24 1869, and dismissed by Council, March 24, 1869. An able, Christian minister; a noble man, and true friend. A notice in Lewiston Journal (Me.), from the local paper in Rockville, Conn., says: "He is remembered very pleasantly for his able and scholarly sermons, his genuine Christian spirit, and fine social qualities. The last weeks of his life he was a great sufferer (from Bright's disease of the kidneys), which he bore lovingly, heroically, and right Christianly." The baptism of his little daughter, just before his death, was an affecting scene.

He was buried in Guilford, Conn., his boyhood home.

Rev. DAVID MEAUBEC MITCHELL, died in Waltham, Mass., November 27, 1869, aged 81.

Mr. M. was born in North Yarmouth (now Yarmouth), May 9, 1785. Graduated Yale College, 1811, Andover Seminary, 1814. From Oct., 1814, to June, 1816, he was in the employ of the Maine Missionary Society, in Waterville and vicinity, and as stated supply in Waldoboro', and other places. Ordained pastor in Waldoboro', June 16, 1816; dismissed June 14, 1842; preached afterwards as a supply in neighboring pulpits. Resided in Andover, Mass., Nov., '41 to May, '45; in Portland, as city Missionary, from May, 1845, to Nov., 1852; supplying, also, the churches in Cape Elizabeth two years; also, the Bethel in Portland, and destitute churches in the vicinity, equal to two years or more. From Nov., 1852, to Jan. 1, 1860, he was in Roxbury, Mass., as city Missionary; preaching, also, once on each Sabbath, to a

congregation composed of the teachers and scholars of the City Mission Sabbath School, and other transient families, to February, 1859. Since that time he has had his home with his son-in-law, Rev. E. E. Strong, at South Natick and Waltham.

Mr. M. prepared a history of the church in Waldoboro', with personal reminiscences, part of which is on the files of the church. Like David, of Bible record, he was greatly beloved,—a man after God's own heart,—endearing himself to all as a pastor, and a Christian. The church in Waldoboro' passed resolutions in tender remembrance of his faithful labors among them, as their pastor for more than a quarter of a century. Dec. 3. (Christian Mirror, Dec. 14.)

Rev. ELI THURSTON, died in Fall River, Mass., December 20, 1869, aged 61.

Mr. T., born in Brighton, Mass., received his early education at Day's Academy, Wrentham. Graduated at Amherst in 1834. One year at Andover, 1837, and two years with Rev. Dr. Ide. Ordained in Hallowell, Me., Jan. 3, 1838 ; remaining pastor until July 21, 1848 ; preached a year in Boston ; installed, Fall River, March 21, 1849, having been pastor there twenty-one years.

He was of strong intellect, and of true and fervent zeal ; an able preacher, and very highly esteemed by his associates in the ministry, and the people of his pastoral charge. His death produced great lamentation among the many to whom he had administered the word of life. The Congregationalist and Recorder, Feb. 3, 1870, has a notice by the Taunton Association, and reminiscences by a Connecticut clergyman. Reminiscences, Christian Mirror, Feb. 1.

Rev. WALES LEWIS, died in Pittston, December 26, 1869, aged 71.

Mr. L. graduated from Bangor Seminary in 1825. Ordained the first pastor of church, East Machias, Sept. 26, 1827 ; dismissed June 9, 1831 ; installed third pastor of church in Brewer, Nov. 2, 1831 ; dismissed Sept. 1, 1838 ; installed, Lyman, Oct. 25, 1857 ; dismissed Sept. 13, 1864. Resident Kennebunk and Edgecomb 1864. Pittston from May 27, 1865. Mr. Lewis was physically of commanding presence; of good intellectual ability ; earnest, and diligent as a pastor ; a good man, and died in the faith.

Rev. EPHRAIM FOBES, died in Chrystal Plantation, Aroostook County, January 11, 1870, aged 65.

Graduated Amherst College 1830. Ordained pastor Edgecomb, Oct. 22, 1834 ; dismissed Feb. 2, 1836 ; installed, Weld, July 19, 1837 ; dismissed June 15, 1841 ; in Patten, from 1845, and acting pastor of the church to 1867 ; in Island Falls a part of the time from April, 1855, to April, 1856 ; Hodgdon, 3 months in 1856. A faithful servant of Christ while he lived, and his sun went down without a cloud. His disease was congestion of the lungs. When told by his physician that he must die, his reply was, "I did not expect to die so soon, but if the good Lord has come for me, I am ready." A notice was published in Patten Voice, March, 1870, by R. N. Rogers, and Rev. W. T. Sleeper. See Records and Minutes of Maine, 1867, page 58.

Rev. JAMES WESTON, died suddenly in Standish, January 20, 1870, aged 78.

He was born in that part of Hallowell now Augusta, Nov. 9, 1791 ; a son of Hon. Nathan Weston. Graduate of Bowdoin College, 1810 ; studied divinity with Rev. Jonathan Cogswell, D. D., of Saco. Ordained, Lebanon, Feb. 11, 1824 (parish, June 18, 1825); dismissed June 29, 1836 ; stated supply in Litchfield, 1821-22.

Mr. W. was a good man, and of an excellent spirit ; yet a person of great diffidence ; devoted to the cause of Christ, and taking delight in doing good. His services were rarely more than fifteen minutes long, yet furnishing sweet, blessed nutriment to hungry hearers. Notice appeared in Christian Mirror Feb. 8.

Rev. TOBIAS HAM MILLER, died in Portsmouth, N. H., March 30, 1870, aged 69.

Mr. M. was born in Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 10, 1801. Educated in the public and private schools of Portsmouth; studied theology with Rev. Samuel W. Clark, Greenland, N. H.; licensed by Piscataqua Association, 1836; in employ of Piscataqua Missionary Society, preaching and distributing the publications of the American Tract Society in the eastern half of Rockingham County, N. H.; stated supply at Kittery Point from Oct. 29, 1837; ordained pastor of that church Nov. 21, 1838; dismissed by Council, Jan. 26, 1841. Since that he has been printing, publishing, and editing in Boston and Portsmouth, having been in a printing-office and editorial chair fifty-four years. For forty years he has been prominent in the temperance and anti-slavery cause.

In 1847, in consequence of a change of doctrine, he sought and obtained a dismission from the Piscataqua Association; believing, as he declared, that God will have all men to be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth.

Rev. GEORGE CONE BECKWITH, died in Boston, Mass., of heart disease, May 12, 1870, aged 70.

He was a native of the State of New York. Graduate Middlebury College, 1822; Andover Seminary, 1826; Ordained July 18, 1827; Pastor of First Church, Lowell, Mass., remaining two years; Professor of Sacred Literature Lane Theo. Seminary, 1829-30; Instructor Sacred Rhetoric Andover Theo. Seminary, 1830 to 1832; Installed Pastor High street Church, Portland, August 2, 1832; Dis. January 5, 1835; Agent American Peace Society, 1835 to 1837, and its Secretary, Boston, Mass., from 1837. His classmates in Seminary at Andover were, Rev. G. E. Adams, of Brunswick; Dr. G. W. Blagden, and Dr. S. H. Riddell, of Boston; Eli Smith, Miss'y, and David Greene, Sec'y Am. Bd. C. F. M.

Mr. B. was a man of a true and catholic spirit, beloved by his people, and by the Christian ministry.

The Boston Journal of May 24 has the notice of Mr. Beckwith, given at the anniversary of the Peace Society.

Rev. ISAAC WESTON, died in Cumberland Center, June 26, 1870, aged 83.

Mr. Weston was born near Forefathers' Rock, in Plymouth, Mass., January 14, 1787. His father was a ship-master. Being left fatherless, he went into a store at the age of twelve years, part of a year with a silver-smith. In Oct., 1802, he went to Portland, and into one or more stores. In 1806 he became assistant in Portland Academy, and having a good English school education, with some knowledge of Latin, he taught during six years several town schools in Portland, also a private school. In 1816, he commenced the study of Theology under Dr. Payson's care, and in July, 1817, was licensed by the Cumberland Association. He spent five Sabbaths immediately after this with Dr. Payson's people, while he went South; then six weeks on a mission to Limerick. In Sept., 1817, he went to Boothbay, and was ordained Pastor, June 10, 1818. In March, 1829, he left Boothbay, and preached a while in Richmond. Installed Pastor of church in Cumberland, Oct. 20, 1830; Dis. June, 1840. He was then at Edgecomb two years; returned to Portland, where he resided two years, supplying pulpits in that place and neighborhood. In 1843, he went to Standish, supplying there four years. Since that time he has been employed in various missionary fields; in Patten, 1848-9; St. Stephens, N. B., 1850; Sweden, 1851-2; Albany, 1853; Whitneyville, 1855; occasionally at Waldoboro' and other places. He was a sound preacher—a devout, earnest, and godly man. His prayers gave evidence of intimate communion with God.

He devoted considerable time to writing articles for magazines and newspapers. He held the pen of a graphic and ready writer. He prepared and published, under the title of "Our Pastor," a volume of 360 pages, containing reminiscences of Dr. Payson.

The funeral services were held in the meeting-house at Cumberland.

W. W. in Ch. Mirror, July 26, 1870, has reminiscences of Mr. Weston.

Rev. STEPHEN SANDERSON, died in Sweden, June 30, 1869, aged 82.

Mr. S. was born in Acton, Mass., June 22, 1787. Removed to Waterford, Me., and was educated there. He went to Suncook (now Sweden), in April, 1811, and worked on a farm about eight years; in 1817 he added to his week-day labors, preaching on the Sabbath, and supplied the people in Sweden, Lovell, Stoneham, Stow, and Chatham. He was ordained to the gospel ministry February 1, 1831.

A change in his political views led to bitter persecution; and by false brethren he was excluded from the church, but was afterwards fully restored, and accredited as a faithful minister of the Lord Jesus. He supplied the pulpit in Sweden half the time, thirteen years, 1853 to 1866,—and Center Lovell, half the time, twenty-seven years. His life was a living epistle of the gospel he preached. For several years he was blind, but his mental vision was unclouded.

The Union Conference passed resolutions in reference to his death, Oct., 1869, which are published in Ch. Mirror, Nov. 23. Notice also in Ch. Mir., Sept. 7, 1869.

Rev. WATSON WILLARD TORREY, died in Groton, Mass., of hemorrhage of the lungs, October 4, 1869, aged 27.

Mr. T. was born in Groton, Mass., March 24, 1842. On his father's farm to 1859; preparatory studies completed at Lawrence Academy, Groton; graduated Williams College, 1865; Union Theo. Seminary, New York, 1868. He was stated supply in Perry, Me., in 1866; ordained Pastor in Sherman, Conn., 1869. Having an attack of bleeding, he went, by advice of his physician, to Iowa; but he was obliged to return to his father's house, where he ended his useful life on earth. He loved the service of his Master; he loved the truths of the gospel of Christ, and recommended them to others by precept and example. Cong. and Recorder, Oct. 28, has an obituary notice.

(The average of eight of the above ministers is 75 years; of the twelve, 65 years.)

GILMAN A. HOYT, died in Hiawatha, Kansas, June 4, 1870, aged 30.

Mr. H. was born in East Machias, March 27, 1840, and resided there until 1862. Graduated at Bangor Seminary in 1866; was stated supply at Alexander, Washington Co., in 1865-6; was stated supply at Warrensburg, Mo., from October, 1866 to October, 1867. Under his labors at Hiawatha, Kansas, the church in that place was formed, and more than doubled its membership. He resigned his charge early in the spring of 1870, hoping rest would restore his health.

ADDITIONAL NOTICES.

Rev. JOSEPH VAILL.—By Rev. Isaac Parsons, of East Haddam, Mass, with Portrait, in Cong. Quarterly, January, 1870, pp. 1-18. (Dr. V. died in Palmer, Mass., Feb'y 22, 1869. Minutes, p. 37.)

Rev. ELIJAH JONES.—By O. H. B., in Congregational Quarterly, January, 1870, pp. 52-55. (Mr. J. died in Minot, April 29, 1869. Minutes, 1869, p. 36.)

Rev. WALES LEWIS.—Notice by D. Q. C. in Cong. Quarterly, July, 1870, p. 494. [illegible], p. 31.

ABSTRACT OF THE FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT.

DURING the year now closed some things of good report have been said and done by the churches comprising this Conference, which have been owned of God, and blest by him to the honor of Christ and the glory of his kingdom. In answer to their prayers, and watchings, and fastings, and patient waiting upon God, a few of them have been favored with the gracious visitations of the Holy Spirit.

Among those churches the most signally blest with Divine visitations are, Augusta, Kenduskeag, Wells, 1st, Athens, Topsfield, Fryeburg, Stowe, North Waterford, and Freeport. Several other churches have been revived and strengthened by the gracious power of the Holy Spirit.

The number admitted into all our churches during the year, on profession, as reported, is 494; the number received by letter, 248; making, in all, 742. The number of removals by death is 323; the number by dismission is 357; by exclusion 21,—total 701; which gives an increase of 41 members. The present number of all our churches, as reported, is 19,840.

The whole number in all our Sabbath schools is 22,417. The amount of contributions to objects of benevolence is $33,983. During the past year eleven churches have secured pastors, and eight churches have dismissed theirs. Sixty-two churches have settled pastors, one hundred and ten churches have stated supplies, and seventy-two churches are reported vacant.

A new church has been formed in North New Portland, and one in Caribou. Houses of worship have been erected in Wilton and in Sherman Mills. Church edifices have been very much repaired and beautified in Farmington, Buxton, Limington, Kennebunk, and High street, Portland.

No minister of Christ in active service has died during the year. Eleven have been removed from all earthly labors, who in years past ministered either a longer or shorter period to the churches connected with this Conference. These ministers of the word of life are noticed in the Necrology, preceding this report.

D. GARLAND, *Corresponding Secretary.*

STATISTICAL TABLES.

Post-office address of Ministers will be found at the end of the Minutes. In donations, fractions of dollars are omitted.

EXPLANATIONS.—S. S., STATED SUPPLY. M. A., MINISTERIAL AGE, or number of years in the ministry. P. A., PASTORAL AGE, or number of years pastor of the church.

AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, second Saturday and Sunday in June.—Organized in Houlton, January 22, 1846.—Semi-annual Meeting, third Saturday and Sunday in September.

	CHURCHES.—1870, May 1.—MINISTERS.						CHURCH MEM., May 1, 1870.				Admitted—1869.—Removed.							Baptized.		
Place and Name.	*Organized.*	*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Inst. or S.S.*	*M. A.*	*P. A.*	*Mle.*	*Fem.*	*Tot.*	*Abs.*	*Prof.*	*Let.*	*Tot*	*Dth*	*Dis*	*Ex.*	*Tot*	*Adl.*	*Inf.*	*S. Sch*	*Cont.*
Burlington	1827, July 12	Vacant					10	15	25	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	$00
Caribou	1869, July 18	Franklin D. Austin, s.s.	1853, June 23	1867, July 1			5	5	10	0	4	6	10	0	0	0	0	3	0	*75	00
Carroll and Springfield,	1846, Mar. 15	Vacant					8	12	20	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	10
Fort Fairfield	1844, Oct. 8	Franklin D. Austin, s.s.	1853, June 23	1867, July 1			10	18	28	7	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	2	1	*75	00
Hodgdon and Linneus.	1845, Sept. 25	Edward R. Osgood, s.s.	Licen., 1869				6	8	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	00
Houlton	1833, Jan. 24	Edward R. Osgood, s.s.	Licentiate.	1868, Aug. 14			4	20	24	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	42
Island Falls	1859, Sept. 21	Jonathan G. Leavitt,	1870, June 27	1870, June 27			11	10	21	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	10
Lee	1863, July 10	Vacant					8	16	24	8	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	60	25
Lincoln	1831, Aug. 3	Vacant					2	19	21	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	25
Passadumkeag	1845, March 1	Vacant					2	5	7	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	00
Patten	1845, March 1	J. G. Leavitt	1870, June 27	1870, June 27			19	37	56	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	20
Presque Isle	1865, July 25	Franklin D. Austin, s.s.	1853, June 23	1867, July 1	17		7	10	17	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	13
Sherman‡	1861, May 29	William T. Sleeper	1854, June 29	1870, June 26	16		29	35	64	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	†100	15
Thirteen.		*2 Past., 2 S. S.=4.*		*Av. Min'l §*	*Past'l age.*	16		121	210	331	60	8	7	15	2	2	1	5	5	2	695	$160

§ Average age Stated Supply, two years. ‡ Washburn Memorial Church. *Union Schools. †Seventy-five in one school, and twenty-five in another.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Rev. Elbridge Knight, Maple Grove, ordained Sept. 13, 1843.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, held in Houlton, October 9, 10, 1869. Dr. Luther Rogers, of Patten, *Moderator*. Sermons by Rev. John K. Deering of Lincoln, Rev. Franklin D. Austin of Presque Isle, and J. G. Leavitt of Patten. Subjects, by essay and speech,—Causes of spiritual declension; what are the elements of power in the Church and in the Sabbath School. The new church in Caribou, ten members, was welcomed by the Conference. The weekly prayer-meeting at Fort Fairfield was referred to. This County embraces six thousand square miles. The extremes of our bounds are one hundred and fifty miles apart, yet the churches are generally represented. Four sisters came seventy-five miles in two separate vehicles, driving their own "team." These gatherings are highly prized by us, and are seasons of rich and tender interest. (*Scribe.*)

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING in Sherman, June 25, 26, 1870. Dea. Hiram Stephens of Carroll, *Moderator*. Conference Sermon, Rev. John E. M. Wright, formerly of Burlington, John 15: 4,—"Abide in me." Chief Topics for discussion: The Sanctuary, its origin and design; Blessings received, and encouragements to hope. Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Horace James of Lowell, Mass., and Rev. William T. Sleeper of Sherman. Ten were received to the church in Sherman, on profession of their faith, and six by letter. The new Meeting-house at Sherman Mills was dedicated June 25. Introductory services by Rev. J. E. M. Wright; Dedicatory Prayer, Rev. William T. Sleeper; Sermon, Rev. Horace James, 1 Cor., 12: 4-6,—"Diversity in Unity."

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CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, Tuesday, before second Wednesday in June.—Organized in Gorham, Dec. 24, 1822.—Semi-annual Meeting, Tuesday, before second Wednesday in January.

Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Ins. or S. S.	M. A.	P. A.	Mle	Fem.	Tot	Abs	Prf	Let.	Tot	Dth	Dis	Ex.	Tot	Adl	Inf.	S. Sch	Cont.
Auburn	1826, Feb. 8	George Harris, jr.	1869, Oct. 6	1869, Oct. 6	1	1	91	190	281	49	4	18	22	2	6	0	8	4	0	302	$ 400
Auburn, West	1844, May 1	Alpha Morton, s.s.	1844, Feb. 13	1863, April 2	26	..	65	79	144	61	0	0	0	1	10	0	11	0	0	90	166
Baldwin	1821, May 16	Vacant	..	..	..	..	4	11	15	00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	00
Brunswick	1747, June	George E. Adams	1829, Feb. 25	1829, Dec. 30	41	41	81	202	283	95	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	216	650
Cape Elizabeth	1734, Sept. 10	Henry M. Vail, s.s.	1861, Aug. 14	1865, May 21	9	..	6	29	35	1	6	2	8	0	0	0	0	4	0	100	80
C. E., Welsh, Ligoniat	1869, Mar. 14	Thomas E. Davies, s.s.	As Org. (1)	1870,	..	..	10	25	35	00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	10
Cumberland	1793, Sept. 15	Uriah W. Small, s.s.	1859, Sep. 22	1870,	10	..	45	112	157	00	0	1	1	2	3	1	6	0	0	50	100
Durham	1796, March 9	F. A. Johnson, s.s.	1870, May 1		..	..	12	28	40	7	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	50	12
Falmouth, First	1754.	John C. Adams, s.s.	1851, Aug. 19	1855, Feb. 13	19	..	31	93	124	19	2	2	4	5	1	0	6	2	0	120	88
Falmouth, Second	1830, Sept. 15	William H. Haskell, s.s.	1863, Mar. 17	1869, Jan. 1	7	..	30	71	101	28	6	3	9	0	4	0	4	4	3	60	171
Freeport	1789, Dec. 21	John J. Bulfinch	1860, May 23	1870, July 1	..	..	35	108	143	16	3	0	3	4	2	0	6	3	0	90	104
Freeport, South	1857, July 9	Horatio Ilsley, s.s.	1837, Oct. 26	1868, Apr. 18	33	..	34	72	106	20	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	60	223
Gorham	1750, April 4	Charles C. Parker	1848, Oct. 4	1868, Aug. 19	22	2	55	165	220	50	3	4	7	9	11	0	20	1	3	174	550
Gray	1803, Oct. 2	Ebenezer Bean	1862, Mar. 25	1863, Jan. 1	8	7	27	50	77	00	4	3	7	0	0	0	0	9	6	75	50
Harpswell	1753.	Jotham B. Sewall, s.s.	1855, Feb. 28	1869,	15	..	14	44	58	16	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	28	32
Lewiston, Pine-street	1854, Aug. 8	Uriah Balkam	1841, Jun. 15	1856, Jan. 30	29	14	86	204	290	32	8	4	12	6	18	0	24	7	0	310	841
Mechanic Falls	1840, June 15	R. J. Landgridge, s.s.		1869,	..	..	8	15	23	6	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	50	22
Minot	1791, Sept. 8	John K. Deering, s.s.	1850, Apr. 23	1869, Nov.	20	..	39	86	125	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	55
Minot, W. and Hebron	1802, Oct. 8	John K. Deering, s.s.	1850, Apr. 23	1869, Nov.	..	..	15	28	43	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	00	00
New Gloucester	1765, Jan. 16	Wellington R. Cross	1865, Sept. 7	1865, Sept. 7	5	5	62	118	180	22	3	3	6	3	2	1	6	2	3	175	250
North Yarmouth	1806, Oct. 1	Benjamin P. Snow, s.s.	1870, May 10	1869, Mar. 1	..	..	52	74	126	21	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	0	0	131	150
Poland	1825, Nov. 2	Vacant			..	..	3	12	15	00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	50
Portland, Second Parish	1787, Nov. 30	John J. Carruthers	1819, June 8	1846, Aug. 9	51	24	72	250	322	22	9	9	18	2	5	3	10	4	3	250	200
Portland, High-street	1831, Sept. 9	William H. Fenn	1859, Feb. 20	1866, July 25	11	4	102	256	358	91	14	9	23	3	14	1	18	9	3	315	3,093
Portland, Fourth (colored)	1835, Aug. 7	J. W. C. Pennington, s.s.	1838, May 12	1866, Dec. 2	32	..	4	9	13	00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	00
Portland, Bethel	1840, Sept. 24	Francis Southworth	1857, Oct. 28	1866, Jun. 11	13	4	61	72	133	43	11	3	14	3	3	2	8	2	4	175	20
Portland, State-street	1852, Mar. 17	Edward Young Hinks	Pastor elect	1870, Oct. 2	..	..	91	240	331	30	2	7	9	6	7	0	13	1	5	400	1,686
Portland, St. Lawrence-st	1858, Feb. 19	Elijah Kellogg, s.s.	1844, Jun. 18	1870, May 1	26	..	35	81	116	30	5	2	7	1	6	0	7	0	4	200	50
Portland, West Cong'l Ch	1862, Sept. 17	Vacant			..	..	17	41	58	5	2	4	6	2	2	1	5	1	0	200	19
Portland, Plymouth *	1869, Dec. 27	Vacant			..	..	112	247	359	75	1	2	3	0	21	0	21	0	0	180	176
Pownal	1811, Mar. 20	Charles L. Nichols	1861, Nov. 7	1866, June 5	9	4	27	57	84	10	3	0	3	1	1	0	2	2	0	60	80
Scarborough	1728, June 26	Vacant			..	..	24	44	68	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	40
Standish	1834, Feb. 5	Samuel Hopkins, s.s.	1831, Oct. 26	1866, May 1	39	..	4	44	48	17	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	47	37
Westbrook, First	1765, April 8	Vacant			..	..	6	29	35	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	30
Westbrook, Second	1832, Jan. 17	Edward P. Thwing, s.s.	1858, Sep. 22	1869, Jun. 13	12	..	38	69	107	6	11	6	17	2	21	0	23	2	1	175	250
Westbrook, Warren ch. †	1869, Sept. 30	Jeremiah E. Fullerton, s.s	As Org. (2)	1870, June.	..	..	7	16	23	00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	00
Windham	1743, Dec. 14	Luther Wiswall	1837, Aug. 12	1854, Sep. 20	33	16	7	42	49	10	0	1	1	1	4	0	5	0	0	70	35
Yarmouth, First	1730, Nov. 18	George A. Putnam	1860, Nov. 14	1860, Nov. 14	10	10	53	147	200	12	9	2	11	4	0	1	5	8	0	236	450
Yarmouth, Central	1859, April 27	Jabob J. Abbott	1845, Aug. 27	1865, Oct. 19	25	5	21	54	75	14	0	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	1	80	261
Thirty-nine.		*13 Pastors, 16 S. S.=29.*	*Av. Past. $*	*Min'l age.*	29	11	1486	3514	5000	840	107	87	194	72	147	11	230	66	36	4919	$10,401

Average age Stated Supply, three years.

* Plymouth Church is formed by the union of Third Church, organized Sept. 9, 1825, and Central Church, organized Jan. 24, 1836. Central, 227, and Third, 102 members. † Cumberland [illegible]

MINISTERS WITHOUT PASTORAL CHARGE.

NAMES.	ORDAINED.	RESIDENCE.	Ministerial age.
BAKER	1831, Dec.	Standish	39
[illegible] HARRIS, President of Bowdoin College	1841, Dec. 22	Brunswick	29
[illegible] LORING	1842, June 15	Yarmouth	28
[illegible] H. MERRILL	1831, Feb. 22	Portland	39
[illegible] S. PACKARD, Professor in Bowdoin College.	1850, May 16	Brunswick	20
[illegible] M. PALMER	1854, May 22	Portland	16
[illegible] J. PARSONS	1831, Sept. 1	Portland	39
[illegible] A. PERKINS, family school for boys	1854, May 26	Gorham	16
[illegible] PUTNAM	1820, Dec. 13	Yarmouth	50
[illegible] SEWALL, Professor in Bowdoin College	1859, April 20	Brunswick	11
[illegible] B. SEWALL, Professor in Bowdoin College	1855, Feb. 28	Brunswick	15
[illegible] HEPLEY	1829, Feb. 18	Yarmouth	41
[illegible] C. STANLEY, Professor in Bates College	Licentiate.	Lewiston	00
[illegible] G. STORER	1850, Mar. 30	Oak Hill	20
[illegible] H. TYLER	1855, June 6	Falmouth	15
[illegible] WARREN, District Secretary A. B. C. F. M.	1840, Feb. 13	Gorham	30

Average Ministerial age of the above, twenty-seven years.

[illegible] ANNUAL MEETING held with High-street Church, Auburn, January 11, 12, 1870. Dea. [illegible] W. Larrabee, of Portland, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, Rev. Charles L. Nichols, of [illegible] Matt. 6: 9,—"Our Father which art in Heaven." Conference Sermon, Rev. George E. [illegible] of Brunswick, on Responsiveness. Discussion: The Prayer-meeting; Woman's duty; [illegible] duty; Aids to Pastoral work; Christian fellowship; Conversion of children; Christian [illegible] ce. Lord's Supper administered by Revs. U. Balkam, of Lewiston, and Wellington R. [illegible] New Gloucester.

[illegible] EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING at South Freeport, June 7, 8, 1870. Rev. Samuel H. Merrill, [illegible] nd, *Moderator*. Sermons: Rev. Wellington R. Cross, of New Gloucester, James 5: 16; [illegible] liam H. Fenn, of Portland, Rev. 3: 20. Topics for remark: 1. Increase of piety in the [illegible] its necessity, how secured; its results on the church, and on the world. 2. Christian [illegible] ility. 3. Observance of the Sabbath. 4. Sabbath schools. 5. Parental faithfulness. [illegible] pper administered by the Moderator, and Rev. Luther Wiswall, of Windham.

[illegible] HARRIS, JR., of East Machias (Amherst, 1866; Bangor Seminary, 1867; Amherst, 1869), [illegible] pastor of High-street Church, Auburn, Oct. 6, 1869. Prayer and Reading of the Scrip- [illegible] v. Ferdinand W. Dickinson, of Turner; Sermon, President Samuel Harris, of Bowdoin [illegible] Phil. 2: 5-8; Ordaining Prayer and Charge, Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath; Right hand of [illegible] p, Rev. Edgar L. Foster, of St. Stephen, N. B.; Address to People, Rev. Uriah Balkam, [illegible] on, *Moderator of Council;* Concluding Prayer, Professor Richard C. Stanley, of Lew- [illegible] *iston.*

[illegible] MIN POOR SNOW (Bowdoin, 1855; Bangor, 1861), ordained to the work of the Christian [illegible] at North Yarmouth, May 10, 1870. Invocation and Scriptures, Rev. Charles L. Nichols, [illegible] d; Sermon, Rev. Jacob J. Abbott, of Central Church, Yarmouth, *Moderator of Council,* [illegible] 19; Ordaining Prayer, Rev. George A. Putnam, of First Church, Yarmouth; Charge, [illegible] lington R. Cross, of New Gloucester; Right hand, Rev. Ebenezer Bean, of Gray, *Scribe* [illegible] *d:* Benediction, Rev. B. P. Snow. In the evening, a discourse was delivered by Rev. [illegible] kam, of Lewiston, on Puritanism.

[illegible] NSON M. FRINK, dismissed by council, from Central Church, Portland, Aug. 18, 1869. [illegible] f Council, Christian Mirror, Aug. 24.) Stated supply in Bridgton, Oct., 1869. Installed [illegible] st Church, Saco, June 30, 1870.

[illegible] ORGE A. TEWKSBURY, dismissed from West Congregational Church, March 2, 1870. Rev. [illegible] arruthers, of Portland, *Moderator of Council;* Rev. Edward P. Thwing, of Westbrook, [illegible] esolutions of Church, Portland Press, Jan. 26, 1870; Christian Mirror, Feb. 1. Farewell [illegible] reached March 6. Installed pastor, Church of the Pilgrimage, Plymouth, Mass., April 10, [illegible] mon, Rev. John H. Means, of Boston; Charge by his father, Rev. George F. Tewksbury, [illegible], N. H.

[illegible] IAH BALKAM resigns the pastorate of the Pine-street Church, Lewiston, May 1, 1870; [illegible] to take effect Jan. 1, 1871, unless he consents to withdraw his resignation; in the mean [illegible] ve three months' vacation, with no withdrawal of salary. He has been pastor fourteen

[illegible] ORGE E. ADAMS, resigns the charge of the church in Brunswick, after a pastorate of

[illegible] S, too late for insertion in the Table, the following return was received from the Welsh [illegible] onal church, in Ligonia Village, Cape Elizabeth, for the year ending May 1, 1870. Ir- [illegible] supplied with preaching. Rev. Thomas E. Davies, a native of Wales, stated supply [illegible] 1, 1870. Members, 21 males; 28 females; total 49. Admissions during the year, by [illegible] 5; by letter, 15; total 20. Removed by death, 1; dismissed to other churches, 5; ex- [illegible] al 9; infant baptisms, 10. Contributions, $25. In sabbath school, 100.

[illegible] urch, Cumberland Mills, Westbrook. Report received August 4, after the Table [illegible] Church organized Sept. 30, 1869; Rev. Elijah Kellogg, s. s. six months from June [illegible] bers, 12 male; 24 female; total 36. Admitted by profession during the year [illegible] aptisms, 9 *adults; 2 infants;* total 11. In the Sabbath school 165.

forty-one years. In connection with his letter, read June 19, 1870, he gave a retrospective view of his labors among them; giving as the main reason of his resignation, that he wished to diminish his labors on account of his family, and his own failing strength. He has been laboring for a season with the new church in Orange, New Jersey, from whom he has received a call as pastor; the President and Professors in Bowdoin College supplying his place in Brunswick during that period.

Rev. WILLIAM H. FENN, of High-street Church, Portland, returned from Europe, August 30,—preached in Portland September 4.

Rev. JOHN J. CARRUTHERS, of Second Church, Portland, declines a call to Union-street Church, St. John, N. B., October, 1869.

Rev. RUFUS K. HARLOW, stated supply St. Lawrence-street Church, Portland, relinquishes his charge for a year, hoping to regain his health, Nov., 1869. Rev. Uriah W. Small, of Livermore, and Rev. Elijah Kellogg, have supplied for a time this church.

Rev. EDWARD N. PACKARD, of Brunswick, accepts a call to Evanston, Illinois, Nov., 1869. Mr. P. has prepared a memoir of Lieut. Frederic H. Beecher, of the regular army.

Rev. JOHN K. DEERING, engaged to supply for a year the churches in Minot and West Minot, February, 1870.

Rev. AMASA LORING has returned from Andover, where he has been stated supply since 1868, to his residence in Yarmouth, March, 1870.

Rev. BENJAMIN T. SANBORN, five years stated supply in Freeport, closed his labors there, March 7, 1870. Stated supply in Elliot from June, 1870.

Rev. HENRY M. VAILL, stated supply for five years at Cape Elizabeth, called to Springfield, Mass., May, 1870.

Rev. AMOS G. BEMAN, formerly of Fourth Church, Portland, has received a call to Second Church (colored), Pittsfield. Rev. JOSEPH BLAKE, formerly of Cumberland, by illness, is threatened with the loss of sight. Rev. NATHANIEL F. CARTER, formerly of North Yarmouth, now in Orfordville, N. H., March, 1870. Rev. CALVIN CHAPMAN, formerly of Westbrook, Standish, and Foxcroft, has removed from Munville, N. Y., to Windham, Vt., April, 1870. Rev. JONATHAN B. CONDIT, formerly of Second Church, Portland, resigns his Professorship in Auburn Theological Seminary, N. Y.: he has a call to Congregational Church, Rochester, N. Y., May, 1870. Rev. JOSEPH DANIELSON, formerly of Saccarappa, installed pastor Congregational Church, Saugerties, N. Y., Nov. 23, 1869; Rev. A. F. Beard, formerly of Bath, took part in the services. Rev. ROYAL PARKINSON, formerly of Cape Elizabeth and Falmouth, was installed in Temple, N. H., January 13, 1870. Rev. EBENEZER G. PARSONS, formerly of Freeport, has accepted the post of Principal of Pinkerton Academy, Derry, N. H., October, 1869. Rev. G. C. Needham, an Irish Evangelist, preached in Portland, in September and October, 1869,—some meetings were held in tents furnished with settees, others in churches and chapels; his style is expository. Rev. Thomas S. Robie, of Salmon Falls, N. H., invited to the pastorate of church in Raymond, March, 1870.

The WARREN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, organized at Cumberland Mills, Westbrook, September 30, 1869, composed of nineteen members from the Second Church, Westbrook, and four from Central Church, Portland. Rev. Samuel Hopkins, of Standish, *Moderator of Council:* Rev. Geo. A. Tewksbury, of Portland, *Scribe*. Prayer of Consecration by Moderator; Fellowship of the Churches, Rev. Edward P. Thwing, of Second Church, Westbrook. Rev. Elijah Kellogg supplied them during the year; residing himself chiefly in Harpswell. The church have a neat and tasteful gothic meeting-house.

The "PLYMOUTH CHURCH, of Portland," organized December 27, 1869. The Third Church, Portland, accepted a proposition of the Central Church, Portland, for a union of the two societies, and a committee appointed to sell the property of the Third Church, October, 1869. The members of the Third Church made their selection of pews in Central Church, Nov., 1869. The treasurer of the Third Church instructed to pay to such as do not wish for pews in Central Church the value of their pews in the Third Church. The two parishes to unite in sustaining the ordinances of the gospel. One hundred and three members of the Third Church took letters of dismission to the Plymouth Church. Received to the Cumberland Conference, January 11, 1870. Sabbath-school organized, January, 1870. History of the enterprise in Christian Mirror, January 25, 1870. Rev. George R. Leavitt of Lancaster, Prof. John S. Sewall of Brunswick, Rev. S. P. Fay of Bangor, and others, have supplied them. A call was extended to Rev. Benjamin F. Hamilton, of North Andover, Mass., to be their pastor, but declined.

State-street Church, Portland, extended a call to Rev. Henry Hopkins, of Westfield, Mass, in Nov., 1869; to Rev. H. M. Parsons, of Springfield, Mass., May, 1870; and to A. H. Bradford, of Senior Class, Andover, Mass.,—declined. In June, Edward Young Hincks, of the last class, Andover, received a call which he accepts. The pulpit has been supplied also by the President, and Professor Sewall of Bowdoin College, Professor Barbour of Bangor, and by Rev. George L. Walker, Rev. H. S. Carpenter (former pastors), Dr. Post of St. Louis, and others. The society have substituted "Songs for the Sanctuary," for "Watts and Select Hymns," which have been used in public worship since the organization of the church. The eighteenth anniversary of the Sabbath school, and the fourth of Williston Chapel Sabbath school, a branch of the parish school, was held June 19. Reports by secretaries, and address by Professor Barbour. Four children baptized.

The church edifice of High-street Church dedicated December 30, 1869. Introductory Services, Rev. John J. Carruthers, of Payson Memorial Church, Portland; Sermon, Rev. Jacob M. Manning, of Boston; Dedicatory Prayer, Rev. John W. Chickering, of Boston, former pastor. Pews to the value of $21,000, sold after the dedication. The building is heated by steam. Description of house, Minutes 1869, page 44.

PAYSON MEMORIAL CHURCH (Second Church), Portland.—Work upon the new church edifice recommenced. Donations from the Parish Circle, from State-street Church ($1000), from High-street church, contribution, individual donations, and circle, $1700, and other sources, are coming in. Dollar subscriptions have been quite extensively made. Fifty-third anniversary of the Sabbath school held May 8, 1870.

Fourth Church (Abyssinian), Portland, are improving their meeting-house, March, 1870. Rev. Samuel Harrison, of Pittsfield, Mass., has received a call to the pastorate, June, 1870. Rev. John C. W. Pennington, a former pastor, is now in Jacksonville, Florida, and commends that State as providing happy homes for loyal freedmen.

St. Lawrence-street Church, Portland, has been supplied by Rev. Elijah Kellogg, Rev. U. W. Small, of Livermore, Rev. James M. Palmer, and others. Their meeting-house closed in March, *1870, for repairs and improvements.*

Bethel Church, Portland,—its history by Rev. F. Southworth, chaplain, in Christian Mirror,

February 1, 1870, and previous numbers. Rev. Jotham Sewall, the patriarch and apostle of Maine, first introduced regular preaching to seamen in Portland, on the wharf, more than forty years ago.

Second Church, Westbrook, have improved their house of worship. A pulpit, or reading desk, has been presented by Rev. E. P. Thwing, acting pastor, Dec., 1869. Mothers' Association formed in this church, May, 1870. Fellowship meetings of this, and the Warren Church, Cumberland Mills, are held occasionally. David Hayes, who has been clerk of the Second Church thirty-eight years, and its deacon, died suddenly in his chair, March 26, æt. 75. He had a few days before resigned his office, and the correspondence between him and the church was published.

First Church, Bridgton, have had a plan for their new church edifice made after the Gothic style, March, 1870.

The widow of Rev. Perez Chapin, first pastor of the church in Pownal, died there June 10, 1870, æt. 81; a member of the church fifty-six years. Mrs. Jane, widow of Dea. Benjamin Mitchell, died in Pownal, March 21, æt. 87; a member of the Congregational church fifty-three years. Mrs. Eliza S., wife of Rev. John C. Parsons, died in Portland, May 6.

Cumberland Union Sabbath-school Convention held in Portland, Nov. 24–27, 1869. Androscoggin County S. S. Convention, in Mechanic Falls, March 2, 1870. State S. S. Convention in Lewiston, Sept. 14, 15, 1869. Sixtieth anniversary of New Gloucester Sabbath school, May 15, 1870.

State Temperance Convention at Auburn, January 27, 1870. Cumberland County Convention, in Westbrook, Cumberland Mills (Warren Church), January 21. The pastors in Lewiston, Auburn, and other places, preached on the subject during this month, and February.

Annual meeting of Maine Bible Society (operating in Cumberland County), at Portland, May 20, 1870.

Hon. William Willis, the historian, died in Portland, Feb. 17, 1870, aged 75 years. He was the author of the appreciative address presented to the late Rev. William T. Dwight, on the occasion of his leaving Portland, in April, 1864. It was signed by ninety-five eminent citizens, of every religious sect, and of each political party. Of these, twenty-five have died in less than six years.

A history of the descendants of the Cutter family is to be published. Rev. Ammi Ruhamah Cutter, the first minister in Yarmouth (1730), was one of them.

Rev. William H. Haskell, of West Falmouth, *Scribe of Conference;* Rev. Wellington R. Cross, of New Gloucester, *Register;* Dea. Samuel W. Larrabee, of Portland, *Treasurer.*

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Auburn, E. F. Packard; Auburn West, Rev. A. Morton; Baldwin, ; Brunswick, John Furbish; Cape Elizabeth, first ch., , Cape Elizabeth, Welsh Ligonia ch., John Perkins; Cumberland, Reuben Rideout; Durham, Wm. T. Osgood; Falmouth, first, Rev. J. C. Adams; Falmouth, second, F. F. Hall; Freeport, Geo. M. Gray; Freeport South, Charles Bliss; Gorham, Rev. C. C. Parker; Gray, David B. Cummings; Harpswell, ; Lewiston, Pine st. ch., C. A. Davenport; Mechanic Falls, J. M. Eveleth; Minot, S. D. Hodgkins; Minot and West Hebron, Wm. Lowell; New Gloucester, Rev. W. R. Cross; North Yarmouth, N. W. F. Sweetser; Poland, ; Portland, second ch., D. O. Perry: High st. ch., Daniel Evans; Third ch., Edward H. Tobey; Fourth ch., Henry A. Murray; Bethel ch., C. J. Morris; State st. ch., Rufus H. Hinckley; Central ch., Rufus D. Bean; St. Lawrence st. ch., E. F. Waite; West Cong'l ch., Jason H. Shaw; Plymouth ch., Rufus D. Bean; Pownal, Rev. C. L. Nichols; Scarboro', ; Standish, Silas Blake; Westbrook, first ch., ; Westbrook, second ch., Harlan P. Murch; Westbrook, Warren ch., Cumberland Mills, S. A. Cordwall; Windham, Rev. Luther Wiswell; Yarmouth, first ch., Rev. G. A. Putnam; Yarmouth, Central ch., Rev. J. J. Abbott.

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION formed in Westbrook, May 28, 1788, Annual meeting, second Tuesday of February; other meetings, on the second Tuesday of May, August, and November. Rev. Ebenezer Bean, of Gray, *Scribe.*

AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE,—Continued from page 35.

Rev. WM. TRUE SLEEPER (Graduated University of Vermont, 1850; Andover Seminary, 1853), installed pastor of the Washburn Memorial Church in Sherman, June 26, '70. Opening services by Mr. Vincent Moses, of the Hartford Theological Seminary; Sermon and Address to the People, by Rev. Horace James, of Massachusetts, *Moderator* of the Council; Installing Prayer and right hand of fellowship, Rev. Franklin D. Austin, of Presque Isle; Charge to Pastor and concluding Prayer, Rev. John E. M. Wright; Mr. J. G. Leavitt, of Patten, *Scribe* of Council.

Mr. JONATHAN G. LEAVITT, ordained Pastor of the Churches in Patten and Island Falls, June 27, '70. Introductory services by Rev. John Morse, of Methodist church, Patten; Sermon, Rev. Horace James, of Lowell, Mass., *Moderator* of Council, on Christian growth in Christ Jesus; Charge to Pastor, Rev. Franklin D. Austin, of Presque Isle, *Scribe* of Council; Right hand, Rev. Wm. T. Sleeper, of Sherman; Address to the people, Rev. H. James; Benediction by Pastor.

Rev. CHARLES H. EMERSON removes from Lee to Parsonsfield, August, 1869. Stated supply for a time at Limington. Council met October 6, 1869, at Springfield, in reference to dissolving the pastoral relation subsisting between him and the churches in Springfield and Lee. It was so voted. Dea. Joseph S. Wheelwright, of Bangor, *Moderator* of Council, J. G. Leavitt, of Patten, *Scribe.*

Rev. WM. T. SLEEPER, of Sherman, appointed by the governor of Maine, agent of the Madawaska schools, April, 1870. He is also Supervisor of public schools in Aroostook County. Mr. S. was thrown from his horse, and much injured, May 26.

Mr. EDWARD R. OSGOOD closed his labors in Houlton, June, 1870.

Mr. JOHN T. RAE, of the Theological Seminary, Bangor, performed missionary service in Medway (Nickatou) during a part of the year. Some religious interest was manifested in the autumn.

A Sabbath School Convention was held in Presque Isle, Dec. 15, 16, 1869.

The meeting-house of the church in Patten took fire in February, 1870, but was extinguished before much damage was done.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES. Burlington, ; Caribou, John Henry; Carroll and Springfield, Dea. Hiram Stevens, Carroll; Fort Fairfield, Dea. Hiram Stevens; Hodgdon and Linneus, ; Houlton, Mrs. Geo. B. Page; Island Falls, Albion Merriman; Lee, ; Lincoln, T. Fuller; Passadumkeag, E. G. Haynes; Patten, Dr. Luther Rogers; Presque Isle, C. F. A. Johnson; Sherman, P. M. Caldwell.

FRANKLIN D. AUSTIN, of Presque Isle, *Scribe* and *Treasurer of Conference.*

AROOSTOOK ASSOCIATION, formed in Enfield, December 15, 1851, meets the day preceding *Semi-annual meeting of Conference.*

FRANKLIN CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, Tuesday previous to second Wednesday in June.—Organized in Strong, January 15, 1839.

CHURCHES.—1870, May 1.—MINISTERS. CHURCH MEM., May 1, 1870. Admitted.—1869.—Removed. Baptized.

Place and Name.	*Organized.*	*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Ins. or S. S.*	*M.A.*	*P.A*	*Mle*	*Fem.*	*Tot.*	*Abs.*	*Prof.*	*Let.*	*Tot*	*Dth*	*Dis*	*Ex.*	*Tot*	*Adl*	*Inf.*	*S. Sch*	*Cont.*
Chesterville	1790, Feb. 25	Vacant			...	..	7	13	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	$ 1
Farmington	1814, Dec. 14	Rowland B. Howard	1860, Oct. 11	1860, Oct. 11	10	10	64	141	205	23	0	0	0	0	6	0	6	0	3	199	425
Farmington Falls	1859, March 3	Vacant			..	..	3	9	12	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*100	00
Industry	1808, July 4	Stephen Titcomb, s.s.	1855, June 6	1868, Dec. 1	15	..	22	19	41	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	00
New Sharon	1801, Feb. 11	Horace Toothaker	1861, Sept. 5	1864, Oct. 19	9	6	55	86	141	25	2	2	4	1	2	0	3	1	0	120	128
New Vineyard	1828, Sept. 3	Vacant			..	..	11	15	26	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	00
North New Portland‡	1869, May 27	Geo. W. Hathaway, s.s.	1833, Mar. 20	1869	37	..	0	00	00	00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	00
Phillips	1822, Oct. 9	Vacant			..	..	12	15	27	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	12
Strong	1810, March 3	J. Loring Pratt, s.s.	1867, Nov. 7	1866, Oct. 1	3	..	42	58	100	37	2	2	4	5	1	0	6	1	0	125	75
Temple	1805, Sept. 19	Simeon Hackett, s.s.	1830, July 7	1851, June 1	40	..	19	45	64	10	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	30
Weld	1809, Aug. 17	Abram Maxwell, s.s†	1866, Aug. 30	1868, July 1	4	..	24	29	53	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	80	15
Wilton	1818, Feb. 19	Jonas Burnham, s.s.	1858. July 28	1866, Apr. 22	12	..	38	54	92	25	0	2	2	1	0	0*	1	0	1	90	75
Eleven.		*2 Pastors, 6 S. S.=8.*	*Av. Min'l &*	*Past'l age.*	16	8	297	482	779	170	4	8	12	7	10	0	17	2	4	914	$761

Average age Stated Supply, four years, ‡ Return made by Somerset Conference, to which it belongs. † Mr. Wilcox for a few weeks. * Union Schools.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Rev. Isaac Rogers, Farmington, ordained March 8, 1826.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING, in Wilton, June 7, 8, 1870. J. N. Hall, of Wilton, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, Rev. Isaac Rogers, John 8: 36,—"If the Son therefore make you free, ye shall be free indeed." Conference Sermon, Rev. Stephen Titcomb, of Farmington, Zech. 4:6,—"Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit," &c. Subjects discussed: Temperance; Prayer-meetings; Who is the Christian? How to become a Christian; Christian's duty in the family, the church, the world. Tuesday evening, Pilgrim Memorial Meeting, Topics, 1, The peculiar virtues of the Pilgrims; 2. The Pilgrim creed and polity; 3. Wherein do we do better or worse than our Pilgrim fathers; 4. How perpetuate the principles of the Pilgrims in our country,—South, West, Maine, and in foreign lands. Six o'clock, P. M., a Sabbath-school meeting. Mitchell C. True approved to labor as a minister of the Gospel, one year (in North New Portland and New Vineyard, part of the year). Report of the Churches presented. Three hundred dollars pledged to send a teacher to the Freedmen. Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Horace Toothaker, of New Sharon, and Rev. Rowland B. Howard, of Farmington.

The Meeting-house in Wilton, dedicated March 15, 1870,—the anniversary of the day when the former edifice was destroyed by the weight of snow upon it. Sermon, Rev. Isaac Rogers of Farmington; Dedicatory Prayer, Rev. Rowland B. Howard, of Farmington. Revs. Webster Woodbury of Skowhegan, William S. Sewell of St. Albans, and Jonas Burnham of Farmington, took part in the services. The society have secured a church bell, and cabinet organ. The church in Camden presented them with a chandelier.

The Meeting-house in Farmington was closed a few Sabbaths for repairs, Oct. 1869. The pastor preached two Sabbaths at Rangely Lake. House re-opened Oct. 31. A new system of weekly offering for the support of the gospel, was commenced. The house furnished with a new chandelier, and other lighting apparatus, and a set of hymn and tune-books for the choir from the avails of an "Old Folks Concert." The pastor, Rev. R. B. Howard, sent in his resignation of his charge, and asks a council to consider the subject. He has received a call from Princeton, Ill., July, 1870.

Rev. Abram Maxwell closed his labors in Weld, Nov., 1869.

Rev. Elisha Loomis supplied the churches in New Vineyard and North New Portland, Sept., 1869. William H. Ayers left New Vineyard, Sept., 1869.

Edward Payson Weston, Principal of the Little Blue School, Farmington, called to the Presidency of the Ladies' Department of Lake Forest University, twenty-five miles above Chicago, Ill., July, 1869.

Franklin County Union Sabbath-school Convention (third meeting), held in Farmington, October 27. Rev. R. B. Howard, *Secretary*.

Delegates from Franklin Conference to the Pilgrim Memorial Meeting in Chicago, April 27, 1860, Rev. R. B. Howard of Farmington, Dea. J. P. Thwing of New Sharon, and Dea. Isaac French, of South Chesterville.

Alvin Dyer, of Strong, *Scribe of Conference;* Rev. J. Loring Pratt, of Strong, *Reporter;* Dea. John Titcomb, of Farmington, *Treasurer*. Next meeting in Weld, June 13, 14, 1871.

FRANKLIN COUNTY (UNION) ASSOCIATION, organized March 1, 1864, meets on the first Tuesday in January, and each alternate month succeeding. It embraces ministers of all the Evangelical denominations in the county. Rev. Rowland B. Howard, of Farmington, *Scribe*.

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HANCOCK CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, second Tuesday in June.—Organized in Bucksport, May 10, 1825.—Semi-annual Meeting, third Tuesday in October.

CHURCHES.—1870, May 1.—MINISTERS. CHURCH MEM., May 1, 1870. Admitted.—1869.—Removed. Baptized.

...e and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Ins. or S. S.	M. A.	P. A.	Mle	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Prof.	Let.	Tot.	Dth	Dis.	Ex.	Tot	Adl	Inf.	S. Sch	Cont.
...rst and Aurora...	1839, Sept. 14	Henry S. Loring, s.s...	1850, Jun. 20	1867, Nov. 24	20	..	8	16	24	6	0	0	0	2	0	1	3	0	0	90	$ 76
Bluehill.....	1772, Oct. 7	Vacant	.....	.....	..	..	40	73	113	00	0	3	3	1	1	1	3	0	1	75	17
Brooksville, West.....	1826, Jan. 4	Nath'l Richardson, s.s.	1838, Aug. 8	1869, Apr. 10	32	..	25	60	85	16	1	0	1	2	1	0	3	1	0	90	20
Bucksport.....	1803, May 12	William Forsyth.....	.....	Pastor elect	..	..	31	93	124	35	0	1	1	3	2	0	5	0	0	160	375
Castine.....	1820, July 27	Alfred E. Ives.....	1838, Sep. 25	1855, Jun. 20	32	15	18	69	87	8	4	0	4	2	5	0	7	4	3	130	280
Deer Isle, First.....	1773, Aug. 1	Hiram Houston, s.s....	1850, Sep. 25	1868, April 5	20	..	60	120	180	17	1	0	1	5	2	0	7	1	0	98	60
Deer Isle, Second.....	1858, Dec. 1	Henry B. Hart.....	1869, Dec 21	1869, Dec. 21	..	..	19	25	44	1	0	3	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	45	12
Ellsworth.....	1812, Sept. 8	Sewall Tenney.....	1831, Aug. 10	1835, Nov 11	39	35	24	83	107	27	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	155	160
Isle au Haut.....	1857, May 7	Jonas P. Hallowell, s.s.	1854, Feb. 10	1869, Dec. 1	16	..	1	11	12	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	00
Orland.....	1850, Sept. 25	Thomas E. Brastow, s.s.	1865, Oct. 11	1869, Oct. 21	5	..	18	55	73	12	2	2	4	0	2	0	2	2	1	125	104
Sedgwick & Brooksville	1793, July 8	Vacant.....	.....	.....	..	..	13	20	33	5	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	0	75	8
Sedgwick Village.....	1847, Oct. 28	Vacant.....	.....	.....	..	..	8	11	19	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	00
Tremont and Mt. Desert	1722, Oct. 17	Vacant.....	.....	.....	..	..	34	78	112	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	38
Thirteen.		*4 Pastors, 5 S. S.=9.*	*Av. Min'l &*	*Past'l age.*	23	25	299	714	1013	160	13	10	23	17	14	2	33	13	5	1068	$1150

Average age Stated Supply, two years.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Rev. Charles M. Brown, Mount Desert, ordained in Lempster, N. H., July, 1829; Rev. Alfred L. Skinner (P. M.), Bucksport, ordained Jan. 27, 1854.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING in Amherst, October 19, 20, 1869. Opening Sermon, Rev. Hiram Houston, of Deer Isle, 1st church, Matt. 27: 22,—"What shall I do with Jesus." Also, on Wednesday evening, Rev. 22: 17,—"Come." Conference Sermon, Rev. Sewall Tenney, of Ellsworth, Rev. 11: 12,—"Come up hither." Subjects for remark: 1. Public worship, and the ministry of the gospel. 2. The Prayer-meeting. 3. The Sabbath, a divine institution.—Its end. 4. The Sabbath-school. 5. Home and Foreign Missions. 6. Temperance. Ordinance of the Lord's Supper, by Revs. H. Houston and S. Tenney.

FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING in Bucksport, June 14, 15, 1870. Rev. Sewall Tenney, of Ellsworth, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, Rev. Wooster Parker, of Waldo Conference, James 5: 11,—"Count them happy which endure." Conference Sermon, Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine, Luke 8: 39,—"How great things he hath done unto thee." Topics for discussion: How can our churches increase their influence in the community; Temperance; Foreign Mission cause presented by Rev. B. G. Snow, of the Micronesian mission; Home Missions, by Rev. S. Thurston, of Searsport; The one-service system on the Sabbath. Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Benjamin G. Snow, and Rev. Hiram Houston.

HENRY B. HART, ordained pastor Second Church in Deer Isle, December 21, 1869. Reading Scripture, Prayer, and Right hand of Fellowship, Rev. John W. Savage, of Bluehill; Sermon, Is. 42: 2, 3, "The love of Jesus," and Address to the People, Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine, *Moderator of Council;* Ordaining Prayer, and Charge to Pastor, Rev. Hiram Houston, of First Church, Deer Isle, *Scribe of Council;* Benediction by Pastor.

Rev. Frederic E. Sturgess, of Skowhegan, called to Bucksport, Oct., 1869 (declined) Mr. William Forsyth, of Senior Class, Bangor Seminary, 1870, accepts a call to Bucksport, January, 1870.

James Dingwell, jr. (Licentiate, Bangor Seminary, 1868), labored eight weeks in Somesville, Mt. Desert, with manifest tokens of good, Nov., Dec, 1869. Rev. Edward P. Tenney at Mt. Desert, Oct., 1869.

William A. Spaulding (of Bangor Seminary), s. s. in Penobscot, Oct., 1869. Unusual religious interest.

John W. Savage, of Bluehill, has removed to Kennebunk-port, s. s., April, 1870.

Rev. Benjamin Dodge, formerly of West Brooksville, has resigned his late pastorate in North Abington, Mass., Nov., 1869.

Religious interest in Sedgwick, April, 1870.

Capt. Goodell Silsby died in Amherst, April 22, 1870, æt. 91. He came to Amherst in 1805, among the first settlers, and one of the original members of the church.

Rev. Henry S. Loring, of Amherst, *Scribe* and *Treasurer of Conference*. Next meeting with First Church, Deer Isle, October 17, 18, 1870.

HANCOCK ASSOCIATION, organized in Sedgwick, Sept. 21, 1797,—meetings, first week in June, and second week in August, November, and February. Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine, *Scribe*.

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KENNEBEC CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, second Tuesday in June.—Organized in Winthrop, October 29, 1823.—Semi-annual Meeting, fourth Tuesday in October.

CHURCHES.——1870, May 1.——MINISTERS. CHURCH MEM., May 1, 1870. Admitted.—1869.—Removed. Baptized.

and Name.	*Organized.*	*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Inst. or S.S.*	*M. A.*	*P. A.*	*Mle*	*Fem.*	*Tot*	*Abs.*	*Prof.*	*Let.*	*Tot*	*Dth*	*Dis*	*Ex.*	*Tot*	*Adl*	*Inf.*	*S. Sch*	*Cont.*
.....	1794, Oct. 7	Joel F. Bingham.....	1856, Jun. 17	1867, Dec. 19	14	3	79	230	309	60	5	1	6	6	6	0	12	2	8	*450	$ 1074
.....	1858, July 16	Wm. S. Brown, s.s.,....	Union The.	Sem., 6 mo.	..	..	5	22	27	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	44
.....	1858, July 15	Vacant.....	.....	.....	..	..	2	5	7	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	20
r.....	1835, July 28	Austin L. Park	1864, Feb. 2	1864, Feb. 2	6	6	33	103	136	19	5	1	6	3	1	0	4	4	0	130	211
ell.....	1791, Mar. 15	Charles G. McCully....	1809, July 17	1867, Oct. 15	10	3	44	148	192	26	6	0	6	4	5	0	9	4	2	207	953
ld.....	1811, June 6	Josiah T. Hawes, s.s....	1828, Jan. 23	1865, July 1	42	..	28	36	64	18	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	125	71
uth.....	1853, May 17	Sup. from Bangor Sem.	& Bates Col.	half time.	..	..	15	22	37	13	3	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	20
n.....	1812, Nov. 17	David Q. Cushman, s.s.]	1838, Feb. 7	1868, July 5	32	..	6	20	26	9	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	35	12
ond.....	1827, Feb. 8	William C. Curtis, s.s..	1863, Sept. 1	1868, Apr. 19	7	..	15	37	52	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	205
/.....	1829, Feb. 25	Vacant.....	.....	.....	..	..	5	8	13	10	0	0	0	6	0	0	6	0	0	00	1
iboro'.....	1818, July 28	Thomas Adams, s.s....	1818, Aug. 26	1864, May 8	52	..	4	31	35	9	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	70	41
rville.....	1828, Aug. 21	Benjamin A. Roble....	1866, Mar. 22	1866, Mar. 22	4	4	38	98	136	48	7	0	7	2	9	0	11	6	0	140	152
sor.....	1820, Aug.	No ordinances.....	.....	.....	..	..	3	7	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	1
low.....	1828, Aug. 27	John Dinsmore, s.s....	1852, Nov. 18	1862, Jun. 10	18	..	17	68	85	25	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	†205	132
hrop.....	1776, Sept. 4	Edward P. Baker, s.s..	1858, Oct. 13	1865, Nov. 1	12	..	60	113	173	37	6	4	10	5	2	0	7	6	3	231	160
Fifteen.		*4 Past., 7 S. S.=11.*	*Av. Min'l &*	*Past'l age.*	20	4	354	948	1302	286	35	9	44	31	26	0	57	22	13	1873	$ 3007

Average age Stated Supply, five years.

*250 of which are in Mission Schools. †115 of which are in a Union School, at North Vassalboro'.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING in Monmouth, October 26, 27, 1869. J. M. Larrabee, of ardiner, *Moderator*. Principle Topics discussed: 1. How shall we make the meet- s of Conference more interesting,—to have programme of exercises: the reports of churches to be in writing, through the Scribe; to hold the annual meeting with arge and accessible church,—the semi-annual, with a feeble and more remote church; nvite the churches to observe the week previous, a season of prayer for the blessing he Spirit upon the meeting. 2. What are the demands of the time upon the church l ministry. 3. How do the past and present compare, as to the prevailing type of ty, and methods of Christian activity. 4. How ordinary Christians may be useful. mon by Rev. Austin L. Park, of Gardiner, Numbers 13: 32,—"They brought up an report," &c. Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Thomas Adams, of Riverside, Rev. J. T. Hawes, of Litchfield. Remarks on the "Cross of Christ," by Rev. illiam Warren. "The devotional exercises were remarkably fervent, and the pres- e of the Spirit of God was manifest."—*Scribe.*

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING with South Church, Augusta, June 14, 15, 1870. s, David Garland, of Winslow, *Moderator*. Sermons, Rev. William C. Curtis, of hmond, Gen. 4: 9,—"My Brother's keeper"; Rev. Josiah T. Hawes, of Litchfield, mans 12: 11,—"Fervent in Spirit;" Rev. Benjamin A. Roble, of Waterville, 1 Cor. ,—"God's building;" Rev. John Dinsmore, Eph. 2: 19,—"No more strangers." pics for remark: The Baptism of the Holy Spirit,—what are the methods, condi- tions, and evidences of its bestowment. Resolutions passed against the use of Tobac- co. A State Classical School was commended.

Rev. Joel F. Bingham, Augusta, renews, June, 1870, his request for dismission from the pastorate of South Church, Augusta, to take effect at the end of the year. Unusual religious interest in April and May, 1870. The pastor assisted in meetings, &c., by Rev. S. F. Fay, of Bangor.

Rev. Alexander McKenzie, a former pastor, has been elected a member of the Committee of the Congregational Publishing Society, Boston.

Rev. Charles G. McCully, of Hallowell, left April, 1870, for a six months' visit to his brother in the Sandwich Islands. Rev. John P. Skeele, a former pastor in H., has resigned as District Secretary American Board, and accepted a call to Hatfield, Mass., March, 1870. Rev. Elias Bond, a native of Hallowell, and graduate of Bowdoin and Bangor, has been obliged to leave his mission work in Kohala, Sandwich Islands, to secure a change on account of his health.

Rev. Thomas Adams, of Riverside (Vassalboro'), spends the summer at the West. He was ordained in Vassalboro' in 1818, and has labored there, and in the vicinity, chiefly, since that time. He is 78 years old, and quite vigorous, April, 1870.

The church in Richmond have repaired and beautified their house of worship, March, 1870. Unusual religious interest here, Feb., 1870. The people furnished the parsonage with new furniture, and added to the library and larder, July, 1870. [Cont. on p. 44.]

LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, second Tuesday in June.—Organized in Alna, June 8, 1825.—Semi-annual Meeting, second Tuesday in January.

Churches.—1870, May 1.		Ministers.			Church Mem., May 1, 1870.					Admitted.—1869.			Removed.			Baptized.			
and Name.	*Organized.*	*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Ins. or S. S.*	*M. A.*	*P. A.*	*Mle*	*Fem.*	*Tot*	*Abs.*	*Prof.*	*Let.*	*Tot*	*Dth*	*Dis*	*Ex.*	*Tot*	*Adl*	*Inf.*	*S. Sch*	*Cont.*
....., ...	1796, Sept. 27	Gilbert B. Richardson, s.s.‡	1857, Jun. 30	1866, Aug. 15	..	..	11	45	56	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	$ 28
Bath, Winter-st....	1795, Dec. 8	John O. Fiske.....	1843, Aug. 17	1843, Aug. 17	27	27	101	256	357	74	15	4	19	13	3	0	16	9	9	319	2108
Boothbay, Central.....	1835, July 8	William Hart.....	.....	Pastor elect	..	..	55	142	197	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	140	450
Boothbay, First...	1766, July 28	Andrew J. Smith, s.s. ½....	1866, Nov. 7	1868, Aug.	3	..	12	21	33	3	3	0	3	1	0	0	1	2	0	40	10
Boothbay, Second..	1848, Aug. 1	Andrew J. Smith, s.s. ½....	1866, Nov. 7	1868, Aug.	..	..	20	30	50	17	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	98	48
Bremen.....	1829, March 3	Vacant.....	.....	.....	..	..	3	10	13	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	3
Bristol, First.....	1796.	Vacant.....	1766, (Presb.	church.	..	..	9	16	25	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	00	00
Bristol, Second....	1855, Jan. 30	William S. Spaulding, s. s.	(9 weeks.)	1870, May 10	..	..	8	16	24	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	0	*40	10
Edgecomb.....	1783, June 4	Joseph Loring, s.s.....	1833, Sep. 10	1860, Mar. 12	37	..	18	60	78	18	6	2	8	0	0	0	0	3	0	00	104
Lisbon.....	1839, Dec. 18	Vacant.....	.....	.....	..	..	3	13	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	40
Newcastle, First....	1799, June 4	Gilbert B. Richardson, s.s.‡	1857, Jun. 30	1866, Aug. 15	13	..	14	22	36	10	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	19
Newcastle, Second.	1844, May 22	William S. Spaulding.....	Pastor elect	1870.	..	..	48	109	157	24	1	0	1	3	6	0	9	1	3	154	109
Phipsburg	1765, July 1	James J. Bell, s.s.....	1852, Jun. 10	1867, Sep. 29	18	..	37	93	130	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	60	20
Rockland.....	1838, March 8	Edward F. Cutter, s.s.....	1833, Mar. 8	1863, Oct. 25	37	..	4	82	86	21	5	1	6	2	0	0	2	3	1	139	214
Thomaston.....	1809, June 15	Javan K. Mason.....	1849, Jan. 18	1864, Dec. 6	21	6	23	105	128	27	1	1	2	3	4	2	9	1	0	220	137
Topsham, First.....	1789, Sept. 16	† Prof. John S. Sewall, s.s.	1859, Apl. 20	1863.	11	..	30	68	98	17	2	0	2	1	1	0	2	2	0	60	90
Union.....	1803, March 3	Flavius V. Norcross.....	1860, Oct. 31	1860, Oct. 31	10	10	18	49	67	6	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	0	0	125	41
Waldoboro', First..	1807, April 10	Charles Packard.....	1846, May 6	1868, June 9	24	2	47	136	183	38	0	0	0	6	0	0	6	0	5	163	101
Waldoboro', Sec'nd	1856, March 4	Vacant.....	.....	.....	..	..	8	10	18	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	00	00
Warren, Second...	1828, Feb. 27	Edwin S. Beard.....	1863, April 2	1864, Aug. 16	7	6	48	109	157	33	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	125	120
Washington.....	1817, Aug. 16	Vacant.....	.....	.....	..	..	5	18	23	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	50
Wiscasset.....	1773, Aug. 4	George E. Street.....	1864, April 6	1864, April 6	6	6	23	77	100	17	1	1	2	2	3	0	5	1	2	80	165
Woolwich.....	1765, June 12	Henry O. Thayer, s.s.....	1866, July 26	1867, Sep. 15	4	..	30	74	104	7	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	96	92
Twenty-three.		*6 Pastors, 8 S. S.=14.*	*Av. Min'l 8*	*Past'l age.*	17	10	575	1561	2136	339	36	11	47	45	25	2	72	23	21	2000	$ 3905

† Rev. John W. H. Baker, stated supply from June, 1870. Average age Stated Supply, three years. * Union.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, with First Church, Newcastle, January 11, 12, 1870. Dea. R. C. Webb, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, Rev. Edwin S. Beard, of Warren, John 6: 67.—"Will ye also go away." Topics Discussed: Deeper piety; Revivals; the Sabbath Schools. Meeting of the County Bible Society, Wednesday afternoon. Christian Mirror, January 25.

FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING in Warren, June 14, 15, 1870. Rev. Javan K. Mason, of Thomaston, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon by the Moderator, 1 Sam. 15: 13, 14. Closing Sermon, Rev. Edward F. Cutter, of Rockland, 1 John 5: 8. Subject discussed: 1. In what particulars we may imitate Christ. 2. Shall church members *only* be invited to the Lord's table? 3. The relation of the church to amusements. 4. Preaching to the young. 5. The piety demanded by the present age. 6. Sabbath schools. Report of the churches by the Scribe. The Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Jotham Sewall, of Chicago, Ill., and Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath. "The time was profitably occupied in the discussion of important practical questions, and the season was one of interest." Christian Mirror, July 5.

Central Church, Bath, called Rev. B. S. Everett, of Montclare, N. J., Nov., 1869, to the pastorate; also, to Rev Smith Baker, of Orono,—declined. June, 1870, called Rev. William Hart, of Washington,—accepted. Rev. A. F. Beard, a former pastor, received an accession of seventy-four members, May, 1839 (of whom fifty were adults), to the Plymouth Church, Syracuse, N. Y., of which he is now pastor.

William A. Spaulding, of Senior Class, Bangor Seminary, 1870, accepts a call to Second Church, Newcastle, March, 1870. Rev. John J. Bulfinch, former pastor, dismissed January, 1870; stated supply for a time in Topsham.

Rev. John W. H. Baker, formerly of North Waterford, accepts a call to Topsham, June, 1870.

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FRANKLIN CONFERENCE.—Continued from page 40.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES. Chesterville, Deacon I. French; Farmington, R. Goodenow; Farmington Falls, C. E. Davis; Industry, Rev. Stephen Titcomb; New Sharon, Rev. H. Toothaker; New Vineyard, John McLain; Phillips, Joseph Worthley; Strong, Winthrop Norton; Temple, Abel Sampson; Weld, Timothy H. Frye; Wilton, E. P. Packard.

KENNEBEC CONFERENCE,—Continued from page 42.

Rev. Seth Noble, labors in Augusta and neighborhood, are referred to in Lewiston Journal, May 14, 1870. Rev. James Oliver Means, of Roxbury, a native of Augusta, and graduate of Bowdoin and Bangor, elected Chaplain of Massachusetts Senate, 1870. Rev. Pliny F. Barnard, formerly of Richmond, accepts a call to West Hampton, Mass., May, 1870. Rev. H. Q. Butterfield, a former Pastor in Hallowell, delivered an inaugural address, at the opening of Topeka College, June, 1870.

A parsonage to be secured by church in Litchfield, Aug., 1869.

The ministers of Gardiner arranged for a series of discourses on Temperance, Feb., 1870.

Sabbath School Convention in East Pittston, Aug. 19, 1869; in Litchfield, Aug. 26; Kennebec County S. S. Convention in Waterville, Nov. 2-4 (reported Bangor Courier, Nov. 4).

Dea. Moses H. Metcalf, died in Winthrop, of heart disease, Feb. 24, 1870; a member of the church 50 years; a deacon 25 years. Father-in-law of Rev. F. Southworth, Portland.—Luther Carey, youngest son of Rev. J. T. Hawes, died in Litchfield, March 9, 1870, æt. 15. Ob. Cong., April 25.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES. Augusta, A. B. Farwell; Benton, A. D. Hinds; Clinton, A. M. Billings; Gardiner, Rev. A. L. Park; Hallowell, Dea. Simon Page; Litchfield, John Hancock; Monmouth, Dea. M. J. Metcalf; Pittston, Dea. David White; Richmond, Dea. B. F. Tallman; Sidney, ; Vassalboro', ; Waterville, J. B. Bradbury; Windsor, ; Winslow, Rev. J. Dinsmore; Winthrop, Stephen Sewall.

Rev. Benjamin A. Roble, of Waterville, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.* Semi-annual meeting in Litchfield, Oct. 24, 25, 1870.

Kennebec Association formed in Pittston, July 24, 1816, merged in Kennebec and Somerset Association.

KENNEBEC AND SOMERSET ASSOCIATIONS united, April 23, 1867, at Waterville,—meets fourth Tuesday of January, April, and October, and the second Monday in July. Rev. John Dinsmore, of Winslow, *Scribe.*

LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC CONFERENCE,—Continued from page 43.

Rev. Francis Norwood, former Pastor in Phipsburg (1858 to 1867), appointed Chaplain of Essex County Asylum, of Ipswich, Mass., in place of Dr. Fitz, deceased, Sept., 1869; Rev. James McLean, formerly of Thomaston, called from Berlin, Wisconsin, to Hampton, N. H., March, 1870; Rev. Jotham Sewall, formerly of Newcastle, returned, June 1870, for a season, to the scene of his former labors, and was present at the County Conference in Warren, and at the State Conference in Yarmouth, June, 1870.

The church in Thomaston have amended their by-laws, so that female as well as male members may vote, March, 1870. The Sabbath School had an historic celebration in connection with their last anniversary. It embraced a period of sixty years. Address by the Pastor, which is published in Rockland Free Press, April 16, 1870. Religious interest in Thomaston, May, 1870; in Rockland, March, 1870.

Waldoboro is a town settled by the Germans, in 1748. The meeting-house built by them over a hundred years ago, is still standing, and is quite a curiosity. It is two stories high; has twenty windows of 4x9 glass, with a porch on the end. The pews are unpainted and square, with seats on three sides, with high backs; a sounding-board is over the pulpit. Their first minister came with them, but moved with a portion of the emigrants to North Carolina. Frederic A. R. B. Fitz was Pastor, 1794 to 1811; John Wm. Starman from 1812 until he died in 1854. A monument is erected to their memory in the cemetery near by, which is kept in order by one of their descendants. The names of Cranmer, Schwartz, Bonar, Schuman, Har, Kuhn, and many others from the fatherland are recorded there (further notice Lewiston Journal, Nov. 11, 1869).

Resolutions adopted by the First Church, Waldoboro', in memory of Rev. David M. Mitchell, for twenty-six years their beloved Pastor. Ch. Mirror, Dec. 14. See page .

Mrs. Sybil Wheeler, mother of Rev. Crosby H. Wheeler, formerly Pastor of the church in Warren, and Mrs. O. P. Allen, both now missionaries in Harpoot, Turkey, died in Bangor, May 15, 1870, aged 74.

Sabbath School Convention in Washington, Sept. 30, 1869; in Bath, Jan. 4, 5, 1870. State Sabbath School Convention to be held in Bath, Sept. 13, 14, 15, 1870.

George F. Patten, Vice-president of Maine Missionary Society, died in Bath, Sept. 26, 1869, æt. 86. Notice in Lewiston Journal, Sept. 28, from Bath Times. Ch. M. by J. O. F., Oct. 12. Cong. & Rec. by E. B. W., Oct. 28. Henrietta Converse, wife of Rev. Josiah Merrill, formerly Pastor in Wiscasset, died in Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 6, 1869. Dea. David Sewall died in Bath, Nov. 2, æt. 87, at the home of his son-in-law, Rev. D. Q. Cushman. He had been a member of Winter street church 64 years; an officer, 57. Rev. J. O. Fiske, Pastor, preached a funeral discourse.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES. Alna, Rev. G. B. Richardson; Bath, Winter St., Rev. J. O. Fiske; Bath, Central, G. H. Palmer; Boothbay, 1st ch., David Adams; Boothbay, 2d ch., James T. Beath; Bremen, J. P. Hilton; Bristol, 1st ch., Joseph Hunter; Bristol, 2d ch., L. Chamberlain; Edgecomb, Rufus Sewall; Lisbon, ; Newcastle, 1st ch., Rev. G. B. Richardson; Newcastle, 2d ch., Wm. Glidden; Phipsburg, Nathaniel C. Reed; Rockland, Geo. W. Kimball; Thomaston, J. A. Fuller; Topsham, A. W. Dennett; Union, Rev. F. V. Norcross; Waldoboro', 1st ch., Rev. Charles Packard; Waldoboro', 2d ch., Jacob Winchenbach; Warren, J. P. Starrett; Washington, Calvin Starrett; Wiscasset, Rev. Geo. E. Street; Woolwich, J. P. Trott.

Rev. Edward F. Cutter, of Rockland, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.* Rev. Henry O. Thayer, of Woolwich, *Reporter.*

LINCOLN ASSOCIATION formed in Warren, May 1, 1844,—meets third Tuesday in January, and second Tuesday in May and September. Rev. John J. Bulfinch, *Scribe.*

LINCOLN (WEST) ASSOCIATION formed at Phipsburg, May 1, 1844,—meetings, first Tuesday in February, May, and November. Rev. George E. Street, of Wiscasset, *Scribe.*

OXFORD CONFERENCE.

...nual Meeting, second Tuesday and Wednesday in June.—Organized in Bridgton, January 16, 1824.—Semi-annual Meeting, third Tuesday and Wednesday in October.

					CHURCHES.—1870, May 1.—MINISTERS.			CHURCH MEM., May 1, 1870.				Admitted.—1869.—Removed.						Baptized.				
...and Name.	Organized.		Name.	Ordained.	Ins. or S. S.	M. A.	P. A.	Male	Fem.	Tot	Abs.	Prof.	Let.	Tot	Dth	Dis	Ex.	Tot	Adl	Inf.	S. Sch	Cont.
...er	1800, Nov.	8	Vacant			4	..	33	51	84	13	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	72	$ 35
Bethel, First	1799, Oct.	7	Eugene H. Titus	1866, Feb. 15	1869 June 6	4	1	47	93	140	28	7	5	12	0	2	0	2	6	0	108	281
Bethel, Second	1849, Jan.	31	David Garland	1849, Aug. 15	1849, Aug. 15	21	21	25	54	79	11	1	0	1	0	3	0	3	0	2	85	112
Dixfield	1806, May	8	John Elliot, s.s.	1831, Aug. 2	1867, June 2	..	..	3	17	20	00	1	1	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	40	11
Gilead	1818, June	20	Henry Richardson, A. P.	1831, Nov. 23	1861, Sept. 1	39	..	7	23	30	3	10	1	11	0	0	0	0	7	0	40	2
Gorham, N. H.	1862, Mar.	18	George F. Tewksbury, s.s.	1838, Jan. 31	1868, Sept. 1	32	..	6	34	40	3	4	6	10	1	4	0	5	2	6	65	38
Norway, First	1804, Oct.	6	Thomas T. Merry	1864, June 9	1866, Nov. 1	6	4	14	42	56	16	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	3	50	16
Norway, Second	1853, Jan.	12	Thomas T. Merry	1864, June 9	1866, Nov. 1	..	..	14	44	58	24	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	150	25
Oxford	1826, May	31	Vacant			..	..	11	28	39	25	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	41	25
Rumford	1803, Aug.	5	John Elliot, s.s.	1831, Jun. 28	1859, Nov. 30	39	..	11	19	30	00	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	50	2
Shelburne, N. H.	1818, Aug.	26	Vacant			..	..	00	4	4	00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	00
South Paris	18'2, Nov.	4	John B. Wheelwright	1850, Sep. 16	1867, Dec. 4	20	2	53	101	154	24	0	2	2	2	10	0	12	0	0	170	106
Sumner	1802, Sept.	9	Henry H. Hutchinson, s.s.	1869 Aug. 31	1868, Aug. 1	1	..	25	58	83	23	0	0	0	1	5	1	7	0	0	70	38
Turner	†1803, Oct.	18	Ferdinand W. Dickinson.	1868, Jun. 17	1868, Jun. 17	2	2	40	78	118	34	4	5	9	1	0	1	2	4	0	160	45
Upton, First	1862, Mar.	13	David Garland, s.s.	1849, Aug. 15	1863, '66-'69	..	.	3	11	14	4	4	10	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	00
Fifteen.			*5 Pastors, 4 S. S.=9.*	*Av. Min'l ¶*	*Past'l age.*	18	6	292	657	949	208	32	31	63	9	27	2	38	21	11	1066	$786

† Presbyterian church organized Aug. 16, 1784. Average age Stated Supply, six years.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING in Dixfield, October 19, 20, 1869. David F. Brown, of Bethel, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, Rev. Amasa Loring, of Andover, Acts 2: 47,—"The Lord added to the church daily." Conference Sermon, Rev. David Garland, of Bethel, 1 Cor. 16: 13. Theme: Christian stability. Topics for remarks: 1. Cooperation of church members with their ministers. 2. Preaching to children. 3. The prayer-meeting. 4. The relation of the Sabbath school to the church. Resolutions of sympathy offered for the sufferers by the flood, which had ravaged that section of the country. Lord's Supper administered by Rev. D. Garland, of Bethel, and Rev. S. H. Merrill, of Cumberland Conference.

FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING at Rumford, June 14, 15, 1870. Dea. Leonard Grover, of Bethel, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, Rev. Henry H. Hutchinson, of Sumner, Matt. 10: 26. Theme: The value of the soul. Topics for discussion: 1. When may the church of Christ be said to be revived, or when does she fulfill her mission. 2. What are some of the more prominent features of a *genuine* revival. 3. What relation has the Sabbath school to the prosperity of the church, and the efficiency of the living ministry of the word. 4. How often should Sabbath school concerts be held, and what should be their character. Conference closed with the administration of the Lord's Supper.

HENRY HAMPSON HUTCHINSON ordained August 31, 1869, at Sumner, as an Evangelist. Introductory services by Rev. Mr. Barrows, of Sumner (Baptist); Sermon, Rev. John B. Wheelwright, of South Paris; Ordaining Prayer, Rev. Thomas T. Merry, of Norway; Charge to Pastor, Rev. David Garland, of Bethel, *Moderator of Council*; Right hand of Fellowship, Rev. Ferdinand W. Dickinson, of Turner, *Scribe of Council*.

Walter H. Ayers, a licentiate from Union Theological Seminary, New York, supplies the pulpit in Andover four months from June, 1870. Rev. Amasa Loring, who has been supply here about two years, has returned to Yarmouth.

Rev. George F. Tewksbury removed from Oxford to Gorham, N. H., October, 1869. A bell has been placed in the tower of the church, cost $460, June, 1870.

Rev. Ferdinand W. Dickinson resigns the charge of the church in Turner, to take effect Aug. 1, 1870. Religious interest here in September, 1869. Mr. T. expects to go to Coventry, Vt.

Rev. S. G. Norcross, of Turner, called to McIndoes Falls, Vt., February, 1870.

Rev. Joshua Gay, who supplied in Andover, Biddeford, and Pittston, is expecting to supply the First Church, Brookfield, Mass.

The First Church, Bethel, are making an addition to their meeting-house, for the reception of an organ, March, 1870.

The church in Rumford have received the gift of a bell from St. John Smith, of Portland. It was put into the tower under the direction of Judge Rawson, and its first duty was to toll at the funeral of his daughter, March, 1870.

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PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, second Tuesday in June.—Organized in Brownville, January 11, 1825.—Semi-annual Meeting, second Tuesday in January.

CHURCHES.—1870, May 1.—MINISTERS. CHURCH MEM., May 1, 1870. Admitted.—1869.—Removed. Baptized.

Place and Name.	*Organized.*	*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Ins. or S. S.*	*M. A.*	*P. A.*	*Mle*	*Fem.*	*Tot*	*Abs.*	*Prof.*	*Let.*	*Tot*	*Dth*	*Dis*	*Ex.*	*Tot*	*Adl*	*Inf.*	*S. Sch*	*Cont.*
Bangor, First	1811, Nov. 27	S. P. Newman Smyth..	1868, Jan. 29	1870, Mar. 3	2	0	64	204	268	42	3	8	11	3	0	0	3	1	0	221	$ 1005
Bangor, Hammond-st..	1833, Dec. 5	Solomon P. Fay.....	1849, Sept. 6	1866, Nov. 8	21	4	96	229	325	41	9	8	17	3	8	0	11	5	4	325	1925
Bangor, Central	1847, April 1	George W. Field.....	1853, Nov.15	1864, Mar.29	17	6	91	168	259	40	3	13	16	6	3	0	9	2	0	370	1900
Brewer, First	1800, Sept. 9	John R. Herrick, s.s..	1854, Jun.21	1869, Feb. 1	16	..	42	93	134	30	3	0	3	1	0	0	1	3	2	150	241
		Wm. M. Barbour, s.s.	1861, Oct. 2	1869, Feb. 1	9	..															
Brewer Village	1843, Jan. 18	Wellington Newell,s.s.	1856, Nov.18	1862, Jan. 1	14	..	19	56	75	16	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0	125	90
Carmel	1853, May 3	No ordinances.....	.....	.....	..	..	1	8	9	8	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	5
Dedham	1841, Dec. 13	James Wells.....	1849, April 1	1858, Dec. 9	21	12	21	36	57	19	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	2	75	130
Dixmont and Plymouth	1861, Sept. 10	William S. Sewall, s.s..	1839, Sep. 25	1864, June 1	31	..	3	8	11	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	13
Hampden	1817, May 6	Stephen L. Bowler, s.s.	1863, Jan. 5	1865, Sept. 1	17	..	21	68	89	25	3	0	3	4	8	0	12	2	2	150	127
Holden	1825, Nov. 11	Joseph S. Cogswell...	1868, Nov.18	1870, Jan. 6	2	..	31	64	95	22	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	133	85
Kenduskeag	1834, Dec. 23	Edward G. Smith, s.s..	Licentiate.	1869, Sep. 12	..	..	17	39	56	13	10	1	11	0	1	0	1	6	0	80	25
Oldtown	1834, Sept. 24	Smith Baker, jr., s.s....	1860, July 26	1869, Dec. 1	..	..	15	49	64	30	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	84	100
Orono	1826, May 18	Smith Baker, jr.....	1860, July 26	1868, Aug. 1	10	2	21	65	86	20	5	1	6	1	0	0	1	1	1	200	117
Orrington, East	1834, June 12	Vacant.....	.....	.....	..	..	15	32	47	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	30
Upper Stillwater	1859, Oct. 6	Mitchell C. True, s.s...	Licentiate.	1870, Jan. 15	..	..	5	21	26	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	115	00
Veazie	1838, June 19	Mitchell C. True, s.s...	Licentiate.	1870, Jan. 15	..	..	16	35	51	31	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	80	00
Sixteen.		*6 Pastors, 7 S. S.=13.*	*Av. Min'l &*	*Past'l age.*	15	4	478	1175	1652	363	36	31	67	26	27	0	53	20	11	2263	$ 5793

Average age Stated Supply, four years.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.—Enoch Pond, ordained March 1, 1845; Dan'l Smith Talcott, Dec. 7, 1836; John Russell Herrick, June 21, 1854; William Macleod Barbour, Oct. 2, 1861 (professors in the Theological Seminary, Bangor); Richard Woodhull, July 7, 1830 (treasurer and agent Theological Seminary, Bangor); John Kent Lincoln, Sept. 20, 1862,—all of Bangor.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING with the First Church, Bangor, January 11, 12, 1870. John S. Kimball, of Bangor, *Moderator, pro tem.* Opening Sermon, Rev. Newman Smyth, of Bangor, John 1: 9,—"That was the true light," &c. Theme: The adaptation of Christianity to all types of character. Conference Sermon, Rev. Joseph S. Cogswell, of Holden, 2 Peter 3: 18,—"Grow in grace," &c. Theme: Christian growth and activity. Topics for remark: 1. Is permanent good secured by a direct appeal to the emotions. 2. Ought we not to have shorter and simpler creeds. Dr. Herrick read a short creed in monosyllables to show how simple the doctrines of Christ may be made, for the comprehension of children. 3. Religious conventions; do they not lessen the sense of personal responsibility,—yet they have proved a means of quickening to many. 4. Obligations for the success of the institutions of religion, resting on all the members of the church and congregation. 5. Temperance. Verbal reports from the churches, by delegates. Several seasons of prayer. Ordinance of the Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Jas. Wells, of Dedham, and Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, of Hampden.

FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING, in Holden, June 14, 15, 1870. Rev. James Wells, of Dedham, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, Rev. Smith Baker, of Orono, John 10: 20. Theme; The radicalism of Christ. Conference Sermon, Rev. Professor William M. Barbour, of Bangor, Hebrews 7: 26, 27. Theme: The fitness of Christ for the work of our deliverence from sin, exemplified in his separateness from us. Topics for discussion: 1. The Sabbath. 2. The infidelity of the day. 3. The absentees among church members from Sabbath services. 4. The causes of decline in the attendance upon public worship. The claims of the freedmen presented. A State classical school commended. Report of the churches, by the Scribe. Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Dr. Pond and Rev. Richard Woodhull, of Bangor.

Rev. S. P. NEWMAN SMYTH installed pastor of the First Church, Bangor, March 8, 1870. Rev. Geo. E. Adams, of Brunswick, *Moderator of the Council;* Rev. Joseph S. Cogswell, *Scribe*. Public services: Reading the Scriptures and Prayer, Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Searsport; Singing by the congregation,—"How beauteous are their feet;" Sermon by the Moderator. Theme: Responsiveness. 1 Sam. 3: 2, 4, 10.—Call to Samuel, and responses. Rom. 12: 15,—Rejoice with them, &c. Titus 3: 2,—Ready to every good work. Installing Prayer, Rev. Sewall Tenney, of Ellsworth; Singing, "We bid thee welcome;" Right hand, Rev. Solomon P. Fay, of Hammond-street Church, Bangor; Charge, Rev. John R. Herrick, of Bangor Seminary; Address to People, Rev. Wm. M. Barbour, of Bangor Seminary; Prayer, Rev. James Wells, of Dedham; Doxology; Benediction by Pastor.

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PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE.

...ng, Tuesday and Wednesday preceding the meeting of General Conference.—Organized in Foxcroft, Sept. 20, 1842.—Semi-annual Meeting, third Tuesday in Oct.

CHURCHES.—1870, May 1.—MINISTERS. CHURCH MEM., May 1, 1870. Admitted.—1869.—Removed. Baptized.

...e and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Organized.	Ins. or S. S.	M. A.	P. A.	Mle	Fem.	Tot	Abs.	Prof.	Let.	Tot	Dth	Dis	Ex.	Tot	Adl	Inf.	S. Sch	Cont.
...t and Guilford..	1841, Feb. 2	Nathan W. Sheldon, s.s	1824, June 2	1870, Mar. 1	46	..	3	9	12	00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	$ 00
atkinson.....	1842, March 2	Vacant.....	.....	.....	..	..	4	11	15	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	00
Blanchard.....	1833, Mar. 13	Rufus W. Emerson, s.s..	1856, May 28	1868, Mar.	..	..	15	20	35	13	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0	54	13
Brownville.....	1819, Aug. 24	Leander S. Coan.....	1863, Jun. 18	1867, Nov.10	7	3	53	100	153	22	2	1	3	1	1	0	2	1	1	250	50
Dexter.....	1834, July 22	William Forsyth, s.s....	Licentiate.	1869.	..	..	10	28	38	10	4	3	7	2	3	0	5	3	4	40	13
Foxcroft and Dover.	1822, Dec. 30	John H. Gurney.....	1850, Feb. 22	1869, Oct. 19	20	1	53	125	178	31	0	7	7	2	2	0	4	0	0	125	150
Garland..... ...	1810, March 1	Peter B. Thayer.....	1848, Dec. 12	1848, Dec. 12	22	22	39	59	98	15	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	5	110	110
†Greenville.....	1869, Dec. 5	James Cameron, s.s.....	1870, Jun. 15	1868, Sept. 1	..	..	9	13	22	00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	00
Monson.....	1821, Aug. 11	Amory H. Tyler s.s.....	1856, May 28	1870, July.	14	..	47	16	63	10	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	85
Sangerville.....	1828, Aug. 28	Nathan W. Sheldon, s.s.	1824, June 2	1870, Mar. 1		..	4	11	15	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	*50	5
Ten.		*3 Pastors, 4 S. S.=7.*	*Av. Min'l &*	*Past'l age.*	22	9	237	392	629	108	6	12	18	10	9	0	19	4	10	719	$426

† Union, Evangelical. Average age Stated Supply, one year. * Union School.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING in Foxcroft, October 19, 20, 1869. Dea. Charles Davidson, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon by Rev. Smith Baker, of Penobscot Conference. Conference Sermon, Rev. Peter B. Thayer, of Garland. Chief Topic for discussion: What constitutes a successful church. The Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Rufus W. Emerson, of Monson, and Rev. Leander S. Coan, of Brownville. "The session of conference was an interesting one." The ordination of Rev. John H. Gurney, as pastor of the church, occupied a part of the first day.

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING held in Blanchard June 14, 15, 1870. Dea. Charles Davidson, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, Rev. Francis N. Peloubet, of Attleboro', Mass. Conference Sermon, Rev. John H. Gurney, of Foxcroft. Subjects discussed: How shall we best advance the interests of Congregationalism in this county, especially among the destitute churches. Lord's Supper administered by Revs. P. B. Thayer, of Garland, and Francis N. Peloubet, of Mass.

Rev. JOHN H. GURNEY installed pastor of the church in Foxcroft and Dover, October 19, 1870. Introductory services by the Baptist and Methodist ministers of Foxcroft; Sermon, Rev. George W. Field, of Bangor, Isaiah 8: 29,—"Thou art the Christ;" Installing Prayer, Rev. Smith Baker, of Orono; Charge, Rev. Peter B. Thayer, of Garland, *Moderator of the Council*; Right hand of Fellowship, Rev. Solomon P. Fay, of Bangor; Address to the People, Rev. Leander S. Coan, of Brownville, *Scribe of Council*; Benediction by Pastor. Mr. Gurney graduated at Oberlin, 1845; Andover, 1849; Pastor, East, St. Johnsbury, Vt., 1850; New Braintree, Mass., 1856.

JAMES CAMERON, a native of Scotland, was ordained to the work of the ministry, as an Evangelist, at Blanchard, June 15, 1870. Rev. John H. Gurney, of Foxcroft, *Moderator of Council*; Rev. Rufus W. Emerson, of Monson, *Scribe*. Introductory Services and Ordaining Prayer, Rev. Francis N. Peloubet, of Attleboro', Mass.; Sermon, Rev. Leander S. Coan, of Brownville, 2 Chron. 20: 15,—"The battle is not yours, but God's; Charge to Pastor by the Moderator: Right hand, Rev. Peter B. Thayer, of Garland; Closing Prayer by the Scribe; Benediction, Rev. James Cameron, of Greenville, where he resides, and to whose people he will minister in the gospel. A church was organized in this place, December 5, 1869, embracing twenty two members. Rev. Peter B. Thayer, of Garland, was *Moderator of the Council*; James Cameron, of Greenville, *Scribe*. Services were conducted by them, and Rev. Rufus W. Emerson, of Monson. Mr. Cameron was licensed to preach, by the Piscataquis Association, Feb. 16, 1870. He received his education in Scotland, came to this country in 1833, as the representative of a British commission house. Mercantile life proving distasteful, he pursued portrait and landscape painting successfully as a profession. In 1845 he went to Italy, and studied and practiced his profession for three and a half years. He returned to this country, to Chattanooga, Tenn., and was there a deacon in the Presbyterian church, and superintendent of the Sabbath school. Eight months after the late rebellion, on account of persecution for refusing to aid the rebel cause, he escaped into the national lines at Nashville. During the war, General (now President) Grant ordered his home place to be named Citadel Cameron, in reward of his loyalty; therefore, it was ruined as a home. While residing in Nashville he was an elder in the Second Presbyterian Church. Removing his residence to Philadelphia, at the end of the war, he was elected ruling elder in the Olivet Presbyterian Church. From thence he removed to Greenville. During the war Mrs. Cameron, his wife, rendered valuable gratuitous service to her country in Nashville, as President of the Ladies' Aid Society. She received in response to appeals $24 000 for homeless refugees,—assisting, with the aid of six others, seven thousand persons, besides finding homes for many adults and orphan children.

The churches in Dexter, Garland, and Foxcroft referred to by S. B., JR., in Christian Mirror, Nov. 9, 1869. The chapel in Dexter repairing, July, 1867. [Cont. on p. 48.]

HANCOCK CONFERENCE.—Continued from page 41.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Amherst and Aurora, Dea. S. Silsby, Aurora; Bluehill, Dea. J. P. Thomas; Brooksville, West, Thaddeus Shepardson; Bucksport, Edward Swazey; Castine, Rev. A. E. Ives; Deer Isle, 1st ch., Dea. Geo. Barbour; Deer Isle, 2d ch., Wm. E. Powers, North Deer Isle; Ellsworth, Rev. S. Tenney; Isle au Haut, Elcy S. Turner; Orland, A. P. Emerson; Sedgwick and Brooksville, Dea. S. Allen, North Brooksville; Sedgwick Village, D. J. Cunningham, Brookline; Tremont and Mt. Desert, Dea. David King, S. W. Harbor.

PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE,—Continued from page 46.

Mr. Smyth, graduated at Bowdoin College, in 1863; Andover Seminary, 1867; ordained in Providence, R. I., Jan. 29, 1868, to labor in connection with the Harrison street Mission. Sermon by his former Pastor, Rev. Geo. E. Adams, of Brunswick.

Rev. JOSEPH SMITH COGSWELL, installed Pastor of the church in Holden, January, 6, 1870. Rev. James Wells, of Dedham, *Moderator;* Dea. George A. Thatcher, of Bangor, *Scribe.* Public services—Anthem; Reading Scriptures and Prayer, Rev. Smith Baker, of Orono; Hymn; Sermon, Rev. Professor Barbour, of Bangor Seminary, Matt. 1: 23, "Emmanuel, God with us;" Installing Prayer, by the Moderator; Charge, Rev. George W. Field, of Bangor; Right hand, Rev. Smith Baker; Address to People, Rev. Wellington Newell, of Brewer Village; Hymn; Prayer, Rev. G. W. Field; Benediction, by Pastor.

Mr. C. is a graduate from Bangor Seminary, 1867; ordained in Zumbrote, Minnesota, November 28, 1868.

The First Church in Brewer have extended calls to Rev. W. R. Cross, of New Gloucester, Rev. T. E. Babb, of Eastport, and Rev. G. N. Marden, of Washington (declined). Rev. Benjamin G. Snow, a member of this church, has returned for a season from his missionary labors in Micronesia, after an absence of eighteen years. He is diligently employing his time in addressing churches and sabbath schools, reporting the nature and result of his work among that people. Mrs. Snow is also speaking to the ladies and sabbath schools. An important part of Mr. Snow's work in the Islands has been the arrangement of the language in a written form, and the preparing of books for the natives. Rev. Ephraim C. Cummings, a former Pastor of this church, is now in Europe, and is a correspondent of the Ch. Mirror. Samuel S. Gardner, a member of this church, and an alumnus of the Bangor Theological Seminary, 1861, lately connected with the Freedmen's Bureau, now Judge of Probate in Butler County, Alabama, was shot at while sitting by his window, probably by one of the "ku klux," March, 1869; (recovering).

Rev. Lyman P. Rowland, former Pastor of First Church, Bangor, now Professor of Rhetoric and English Literature, in Beloit College, Beloit, Wisconsin, March, 1870. Rev. Edwin Johnson, former Pastor of Hammond street church, Bangor, resigned charge of church in Baltimore, and was in Europe Dec., 1869, to June, 1870. Rev. Stephen A. Loper, Pastor in Hampden, 1827 to 1832, closed his labors in Middle Haddam Landing, Conn., April, 1870.

Rev Smith Baker, of Orono, and John B. Foster, of Bangor, represented this conference at the Pilgrim Memorial meeting in Chicago, April 27, 1870.

The centennial anniversary of the settlement of Bangor, was observed Sept. 30, 1869. Professor Barbour, of the Bangor Theological Seminary, preached a discourse at the First church, Bangor, on the sabbath evening following, commemorative of the event. Text, Gen. 32: 10, "With my staff have I passed over this Jordan," etc.

Penobscot County Sabbath School Convention held in First Cong. Church, Bangor, Nov. 9, 1869.

Penobscot County American Missionary Association, held its annual meeting in First church, Bangor, Feb., 1870. Address by Professor Barbour, of Bangor Seminary.

Anniversary of the Bangor Young Men's Bible Society held in Norombega Hall, Bangor, Feb. 19, 1870. Addresses by Hon. Wm. P. Frye, Attorney-General of the State, and others.

Temperance meetings held generally in this county Feb. 22, 1870, as recommended by the National Society at Washington. Sermons were also preached the Sabbath previous. Temperance meetings in Bangor and vicinity, in the spring following, well attended, and the people sustain the officers in enforcing the laws against selling and drinking intoxicating liquors.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES. Bangor, 1st ch., Sidney W. Thaxter; Bangor, Hammond street ch., Dea. E. F. Duren; Bangor, Central ch., Henry S. Brown; Brewer, 1st ch., C. O. Farrington; Brewer Village, Daniel Sargent, 2d; Carmel, S. Chamberlin; Dedham, Benj. P. Todd; Dixmont and Plymouth, Josiah Parsons, Plymouth; Hampden, John Dudley; Holden, R. Freeman; Kenduskeag, C. H. Stanley; Oldtown, C. A. Bailey; Orono, Dea. Joseph Greaves; East Orrington, Warren Ware; Upper Stillwater, Oliver A. Waterhouse; Veazie, Dea. Nahum Warren.

William G. Duren, of Bangor, *Scribe of Conference:* Dea. E. F. Duren, of Bangor, *Treasurer.* Next meeting with First church, Orono, Jan. 10, 11, 1871.

PENOBSCOT ASSOCIATION formed at Bangor, August 8, 1832. Annual meeting on Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday in December,—other meetings by adjournment. Rev. Joseph F. Cogswell, of Holden, *Scribe.*

PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE.—Continued from page 47.

Revival in Guilford Center, December, 1869.

A Sabbath School Convention of Piscataquis County, at Foxcroft, March 22, 1870. Next meeting at Brownville, in the autumn.

The ministers of Foxcroft and Dover delivered a series of discourses on Temperance, during the winter.

Rev. Woodbury S. Kimball, formerly of Dexter, in Farmington, N. H., Nov. 1869. Rev. Chas. Duren, formerly of Sangerville and Abbott, now in Witoka, Winona County, Minnesota, March, 1870. Rev. E. S. Palmer, formerly of Foxcroft, Dedham, and Freeport, in Berkshire, N. Y., March, 1870. Rev. Nathan W. Sheldon, formerly of Gray and Brownville, is supplying the churches in Sangerville, Blanchard, and Abbott, March, 1870. P. O. Address, Dover, Me.

Dea. John Haskell died in Garland, March 2, 1870, æt. 92.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES. Abbott and Guilford, ; Atkinson, ; Blanchard, A. Blanchard; Brownville, E. W. Stickney; Dexter, Dea. Barrows; Foxcroft and Dover, C. H. B. Woodbury, of Dover; Garland, Rev. P. B. Thayer; Monson, Charles Davidson; Sangerville, Dea. Joseph Fowler.

Rev. Leander S. Coan, of Brownville, Scribe of Conference; C. H. B. Woodbury, of Dover, *Treasurer.* Next meeting in Monson, October 17, 18, 1870.

PISCATAQUIS ASSOCIATION formed at Monson, January 25, 1841. Annual meeting third Tuesday in February; other meetings, quarterly. Rev. John H. Gurney, of Foxcroft, *Scribe.*

SOMERSET CONFERENCE.

[illegible]l Meeting, Tuesday preceding the second Wednesday in June.—Organized in Norridgewock, October 1, 1823.—Semi-annual Meeting held only now and then.

	CHURCHES.—1870, May 1.—MINISTERS.				CHURCH MEM., May 1, 1870.					Admitted.—1869.				Removed.				Baptized.		
[illegible]ce and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Ins. or S. S.	M. A.	P. A.	Mle.	Fem.	Tot.	Abs.	Prf.	Let.	Tot.	Dth.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Adl.	Inf.	S. Sch.	Cont.
Anson	1804, April 19	Vacant			..	..	21	40	61	20	4	0	4	1	1	0	2	4	0	40	$ 13
Athens	1867, June 6	Alexander R. Plumer, s.s.	1854, Dec. 13	1868, Sept. 1	16	..	16	28	44	00	16	3	19	1	0	0	1	12	1	80	45
Bingham	1805, July 24	William H. Rand, s.s.	Licentiate.	1869, Oct. 3	..	..	22	30	52	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	50
Madison	1826, April 25	Thomas G. Mitchell, s.s.	1846, Nov. 18	1851, Nov. 16	24	..	30	51	81	28	6	0	6	0	3	0	3	5	0	72	26
Madison, East	1858, Mar. 24	Alexander R. Plumer, s.s.	1854, Dec. 13	1869.	..	..	2	11	13	00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	10
Mercer	1822, Oct. 30	Supplied by students of	Bangor	Seminary.	..	..	12	16	28	8	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	*40	15
New Portland, North	1869, May 27	George W. Hathaway, s.s.	1833, Mar. 20	1869.	37	..	5	13	18	00	2	3	5	0	0	0	0	2	0	*75	00
Norridgewock	1797, Sept. 22	Benjamin Tappan	1838, Aug. 8	1858, Oct. 27	32	12	37	88	125	30	2	2	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	160	359
Skowhegan	1860, Nov. 1	Webster Woodbury, s.s.†	1868, Sept. 9	1870, April 1	2	..	40	85	125	19	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	0	180	127
Solon	1842, Jan. 25	William H. Rand, s.s.	Licentiate.	1869, Oct. 3	..	..	5	7	12	00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	8
South Solon	.....	Vacant	.....	.....	..	..	4	20	24	00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	4
St. Albans	1830, June 29	William S. Sewall, s.s.	1839, Sep. 25	1864, Jun. 10	31	..	6	16	22	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	100	20
Twelve.		*1 Pastor, 6 S. S.=7.*	*Av. Min'l &*	*Past'l age.*	24	12	200	405	605	122	30	8	38	11	7	0	18	23	1	962	$ 677

Average age Stated Supply, five years.

† Rev. F. P. Sturgess was obliged to close his pastoral labors a year since, though the pastoral relation has not yet been formally dissolved.

* Union Schools.

No SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING.

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING in Skowhegan, June 14, 15, 1870. Rev. George W. Hathaway of Bloomfield, *Moderator*. Sermons by Rev. Benjamin Tappan, of Norridgewock, 1 Thess. 5: 11, and Rev. Wm. B. Sewall, of St. Albans, Acts 4: 13. Topics discussed: The appropriate work of the church; The missionary operations of the church, home and foreign; Personal consecration. Tuesday morning was given to Home and Foreign missions. Communion administered by Revs. Benjamin Tappan and Thomas G. Mitchell.

The church in North New Portland was admitted to Conference, June 14, 1870.

Rev. Frederick E. Sturgess resigned the pastorate of church in Skowhegan, December, 1869, on account of ill health. The church have called Rev. Webster Woodbury, from Ashfield, Mass., an alumnus of Bangor Seminary, 1868, to supply them from April 1, 1870.

Rev. George W. Hathaway, of Bloomfield, has resigned his office as Supervisor of Schools for Somerset County, on account of his health, February, 1870.

Somerset County Sabbath School Convention at Skowhegan, Feb. 15, 16, 1870.

CLERKS OF CHURCHES.—Anson, Arthur Dinsmore; South Anson, ——— ———; Athens, Dr. William B. Lambert; Bingham, Nathan Baker; Madison, Dr. Morrill; Madison, East, ——— ———; Mercer, Alfred J. Downes; Norridgewock, H. N. Page; Skowhegan, Hon. James Bell; Solon, Dr. Mortimer Bodwell; South Solon, ——— ———; St. Albans, Joseph Merrill.

SOMERSET and FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION formed at Strong, May 4, 1853; SOMERSET ASSOCIATION, united with FRANKLIN, was formed July 10, 1844.—these are now merged in the KENNEBEC and SOMERSET ASSOCIATION, formed at Waterville, April 23, 1867; meets fourth Tuesday of January, April, and October, and second Monday in July. Rev. John Dinsmore, of Winslow, *Scribe*.

Rev. Benjamin Tappan, of Norridgewock, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference*. Forty-eighth Annual Meeting in New Portland, June 13, 14, 1871.

UNION CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, Tuesday preceding 2d Wednesday in June (two days).—Organized in South Bridgton, June 14, 1836.—Semi-annual Meeting, last Tuesday in Oct. (two days).

	CHURCHES.—1870, May 1.—MINISTERS.				CHURCH MEM., May 1, 1870.						Admitted.—1869.				Removed.				Baptized.		
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Ins. or S. S.	M.	A.	P.	Mle	Fem.	Tot	Abs.	Prf	Let.	Tot	Dth	Dis	Ex.	Tot	Adl	Inf.	S. Sch	Cont.
Albany	1803, Sept. 15	Samuel L. Gould, s.s.	1839, Oct. 23	1856, July 6	31	..	..	16	32	48	15	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	90	$ 20
Bridgton	1784, Aug. 26	Edwin P. Wilson, s.s.	Licentiate.	1869, Sept. 1	..	..	..	39	90	129	15	7	3	10	1	3	0	4	4	0	125	35
Bridgton, North	1832, Nov. 15	Ernest F. Borchers, ½	1869, Jan. 14	1869, Jan. 14	1	2	..	13	39	52	00	3	1	4	1	0	0	1	2	0	40	12
Bridgton, South	1829, Dec. 30	Addison Blanchard	1868, Sept. 9	1868, Sept. 9	2	2	..	27	44	71	10	8	2	10	2	0	0	2	7	0	100	59
Brownfield	1804, Oct. 15	E. S. Tingley, s.s.	Licentiate.	1870, July.	..	..	..	18	29	47	7	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	44	5
Casco	1864, Sept. 22	A. B. Jordan, s.s.	Licentiate.	1870, July.	..	..	..	9	14	23	6	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	*80	00
Denmark	1829, July 5	E. S. Tingley, s.s.	Licentiate.	1870, July.	..	..	..	8	21	29	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	25	21
Fryeburg	1775, Aug. 17	David B. Sewall	1842, Jan. 19	1869, Dec. 8	28	11	..	63	137	200	49	3	0	3	5	3	0	8	3	0	100	220
Harrison	1826, Feb. 15	Ernest F. Borchers, ½	1869, Jan. 14	1869, Jan. 14	..	..	..	24	25	49	21	4	1	5	0	0	0	0	4	0	46	6
Hiram	1826, Oct. 26	R. Henry Davis, s.s.	Licentiate.	1870, July.	..	..	..	2	8	10	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	22
Lovell	1798, Oct. 6	Jesse P. Sproul, s.s.	Licentiate.	1870, July.	..	..	..	46	81	127	24	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	r	2	75	43
Naples	1858, Aug. 10	A. B. Jordan, s.s.	Licentiate.	1870, July.	..	..	..	3	13	16	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*50	00
Otisfield	1797, Nov. 23	Philo B. Wilcox, s.s.	1851, May 14	1865, Oct. 28	19	..	..	26	45	71	00	5	0	5	2	4	0	6	5	0	65	40
Stow and Chatham	1861, Oct. 22	Ezra B. Pike, s.s.	863, Sep. 16	1869, May 18	7	..	..	19	30	49	5	12	0	12	1	0	0	1	9	1	80	29
Sweden	1817, Nov. 4	Jotham Sewall, s.s.	Licentiate.	1870, July.	..	..	..	25	29	54	14	1	0	1	2	3	0	5	1	0	50	62
Waterford	1799, Oct. 2	John A. Douglass	1821, Nov. 7	1821, Nov. 7	40	40	..	37	70	107	00	4	0	4	3	2	0	5	1	0	140	172
		William W. Dow, s.s.	866, May 25	1869, Mar. 1	4	..																
Waterford, North	1865, June 20	John W. H. Baker, s.s.	1865, Jun. 29	1868, May 1	5	..	..	27	53	80	12	13	1	14	0	5	0	5	7	2	100	25
	Seventeen.		4 Pastors, 6 S. S.=10.	Av. Min'l & Past'l age.	15	14	402	760	1162	193	61	10	71	24	21	0	45	43	5	1220	$ 771

Average age Stated Supply, four years. * Union Schools.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Benjamin Stearns, of Lovell, licensed January 11, 1860.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING in Harrison, October 26, 27, 1869. Dea. Luke Brown, of North Bridgton, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, Rev. Charles Morgridge, of Lovell, Rev. 12: 1.—To the young. Conference Sermon, Rev. William W. Dow, of Waterford, 2 Sam. 23: 5.—"An everlasting covenant." Topics discussed: The word of God,—the word as preached; The claims of the Bible, by Rev. Samuel H. Merrill, of Portland. A resolution adopted in memory of Rev. Stephen Sanderson, of Sweden, who had died since the last meeting in June. Lord's Supper administered by Rev. John H. Morridge, and Rev. Samuel L. Gould, of Andover.

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING in Albany, June 7, 8, 1870. Rev. David B. Sewall, of Fryeburg, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, Rev. Edwin P. Wilson, of Bridgton, John 13: 17,—"If ye know these things," etc. Conference Sermon by the Moderator, 2 Cor. 11: 3. Theme: How the minds of Christians may be corrupted, and the remedy. Topics for remark: Christian growth and usefulness. 1. Importance of an established belief in the doctrines of the gospel. 2. The necessity of a regenerating and progressive work of the Holy Spirit in order that we may be sanctined by the truth, and make attainments in holiness. 3. Personal consecration to Christ, and to his service. 4. Frequent and thorough self-examination. 5. Duty in relation to objects of benevolence. 6. Work in the Sabbath school. 7. Sustaining prayer-meetings. 8. Coöperation with the Holy Spirit in promoting a revival of God's work. Lord's Supper administered by Rev. John A. Douglass, of Waterford, and Rev. John W. H. Baker, of North Waterford.

Rev. John W. H. Baker closed his labors at North Waterford, May, 1870; called to church in Topsham.

Rev. John A. Douglass, of Waterford, who has been an ordained minister forty-nine years, received a visit from his former parishioners and friends, Jan. 28, 1870.

The church in South Bridgton proposing to build a new meeting-house, to cost $8000, Dec., 1869. This church has received from a lady of the congregation $500, for the support of the pastor's library, April, 1870. A new meeting-house is contemplated in Bridgton, Jan., 1870. A brief history of the different churches in Bridgton was published in Portland Press, May 21, 1870. Meeting-house erecting for the church in Stow and Chatham, in latter town.

Religious interest in North Waterford and Albany, December, 1869.

Rev. Franklin E. Fellows, former pastor in Bridgton, installed in Sutton, Mass., Oct. 19, 1869. Rev. Benjamin F. Manwell, formerly of S. Bridgton, has resigned his late charge in Mattipisisett, Mass., March, 1870. [Continued on page 55.]

WALDO CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, second Tuesday in June, usually.—Organized in Searsport, June 14, 1848.—Semi-annual Meeting, second Tuesday in October.

CHURCHES.—1870, May 1.—MINISTERS. CHURCH MEM., May 1, 1870. Admitted.—1869.—Removed. Baptized.

e and Name.	*Organized.*	*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Inst. or S. S*	*M. A.*	*P. A*	*Mle*	*Fem.*	*Tot*	*Abs.*	*Prf*	*Let.*	*Tot*	*Dth*	*Dis*	*Ex.*	*Tot*	*Adl*	*Inf*	*S.Sch*	*Cont.*
, First.....	1796, Dec. 20	Wooster Parker.....	1832, Sept. 29	1856, Oct. 8	38	13	24	87	111	15	1	2	3	1	0	0	1	1	0	70	$ 201
st, North.....	1846, Sept. 24	T. F. Chambers, s.s..	Licentiate.	1870, May 26	..	..	12	25	37	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	27
Camden, Elm-street....	1805, Sept. 11	H. Allen Shorey....	1865, July 28	1869, Sept. 1	5	1	36	93	129	16	4	2	6	3	2	0	5	4	0	150	187
Frankfort.....	1851, Nov. 18	Vacant.....	.....	.....	..	..	2	11	13	00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	00
Freedom.....	1858, April 14	C. A. Young, s.s.....	Licentiate.	1870, July.	..	..	11	13	24	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	00
Jackson and Brooks...	1812, Oct. 6	A. N. Jones, s.s.....	Licentiate.	187?, July.	..	..	18	46	64	12	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	2	50	00
Rockport.....	1854, June 12	Vacant.....	.....	.....	..	..	12	31	43	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	10
Sandy Point.....	1839, Oct. 16	Joseph Kyte, s.s.....	1862, Sept. 25	1868, June 1	8	..	37	55	92	14	19	2	21	3	0	0	3	16	0	120	184
Searsport, First.....	1815, Oct. 4	Jonathan E. Adams.	1859, Oct. 19	1866, May 16	11	4	37	113	150	19	2	1	3	2	0	1	3	1	6	125	248
Searsport, Second.....	1855, Sept. 19	Joseph Kyte, s.s.....	1862, Sept. 25	1868, June 1	..	..	10	30	40	3	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	3	0	75	71
Unity.....	1804, Dec. 1	Vacant.....	.....	.....	..	..	5	16	21	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	2
Winterport.....	1820, Sept. 17	Abiel H. Wright....	1866, Nov. 1	1866, Nov. 1	3	3	7	57	64	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	60	21
Twelve.		*4 Pastors, 3 S. S.=7*	*Av. Min'l and*	*Pastoral age.*	14	5	211	577	688	110	30	7	37	10	5	1	16	25	9	815	$ 951

Average age Stated Supply, one year.

Rev. STEPHEN THURSTON, ordained August 9, 1826, Secretary Maine Missionary Society. Post-office address, Searsport.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING in Camden, Oct. 19, 20, 1869. Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, Rev. Abiel H. Wright, of Winterport, Acts 3:6,—Jesus Christ, the Saviour. Tuesday evening, Sermon by Rev. Joseph Kyte, of Sandy Point, Acts 24: 25,—Salvation now. Conference Sermon, Rev. Javan K. Mason, of Lincoln and Sagadahoc Conference, Malachi 3: 8-10,—Yet ye have robbed me. Topics for remark: 1. How can every-day life be made a means of grace. 2. What are some of the essential elements of character to successful work for Christ,—two essential elements were, grace in the heart, and common sense in the head. 3. What is the obligation of those, not church members, who hope they are Christians,—to the church; and, what is the duty of the church to such believers. 4. How to examine and receive church members. Lord's Supper administered by Rev. T. E. Brastow, of Jackson, and Rev. A. H. Wright, of Winterport. Sabbath school meeting held on Wednesday evening. About forming a County Sabbath School Society.

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING at Sandy Point, June 7, 8, 1870. Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Searsport, *Moderator*. Sermons, Rev. George N. Marden, of Hancock Conference, Luke 19: 20,—Hiding of the pound; Rev. H. Allen Shorey, of Camden. Topics for remark: 1. The jubilee year. 2. The tactics of our enemy at the present day; what are they,—should they claim and arouse the attention of the church and ministry to special action. 3. Temperance. 4. The duty of the church to extend the gospel to out-districts. Report of the Churches. There were present several from other Conferences, which added interest to the exercises. Ordinance of the Lord's Supper administered by Rev. John E. M. Wright, of Jackson, and Rev. George H. Pratt, of Harvard, Mass.

Rev **HARRISON ALLEN SHOREY** (Bangor Seminary, 1865), installed pastor Elm-street Church, Camden, September 1, 1869. Rev. Wooster Parker, of Belfast, *Moderator of Council*; Rev. Joseph Kyte, of Sandy Point, *Scribe*. Invocation, Rev. J. F. Eveleth, of the Baptist Church, Camden; Reading the Scriptures, Rev. Flavius V. Noreross, of Union; Hymn, "In thy name, O Lord, assembling;" Sermon, Rev. Smith Baker, jr., of Orono, Col. 3: 11,—"Christ all, and in all;" Installing Prayer, Rev. Stephen Thurston of Searsport; Hymn, "What shall I render to my God;" Charge, by the Moderator; Right hand, Rev. Abiel H. Wright, of Winterport: Address to the People, Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Searsport; Hymn, "We bid thee welcome;" Prayer, Rev. Thomas E. Brastow, of Brooks; Benediction, by the Pastor.

Rev. **THOMAS E. BRASTOW** dismissed from the pastorate of the church in Jackson and Brooks, October 19, 1869. Council called by that church, met in Camden, Oct. 19, and approved of the action of the church in accepting his resignation, for want of adequate support. Rev. Wooster Parker, *Moderator of Council*; Rev. H. Allen Shorey, *Scribe*. Rev. T. E. Brastow accepts a call to Orland.

Rev. **WILLIAM H. BEARD** closed his labors with the church in Freedom, Nov. 1869; accepts a call to Harvard Center, Mass., Jan., 1870. Rev. John E. M. Wright, pastor in Rockport, 1857 to 1865, closes his labors at Orleans, Mass., and returns to Belfast, March, 1870. Stated supply in Jackson and Brooks from May, 1870. Rev. Stephen H. Hayes, pastor in Winterport, 1844 to 1858, resigns his charge at South Weymouth, Mass., April, 1870.

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WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, second Tuesday in June.—Organized in Eastport, February 18, 1829.—Semi-annual Meeting is variable.

Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Inst. or S. S.	M. A.	P. A.	Mle	Fem.	Tot	Abs	Prf	Let.	Tot	Dth	Dis	Ex.	Tot	Adl	Inf.	S. Sch	Cont.
	CHURCHES.—1870, May 1.—MINISTERS.				CHURCH MEM., May 1, 1870.		Admitted.—1869.—Removed.										Baptized.				
Alexander	1854, Nov. 7	Vacant			..	..	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	$ 00
Calais	1825, Aug. 17	Wm. Carruthers (p. elect)	1857, June 16	1868, Sept. 1	13	..	46	143	189	0	3	2	5	4	3	0	7	0	1	163	570
Cherryfield	1833, Oct. 20	James B. Tyler, s.s.	Licentiate.	1870, June 4	..	..	4	10	14	1	1	1	2	5	0	0	5	0	0	*50	00
Cooper	1826, Feb. 22	A. K. Adams, s.s.	Licentiate,	1870, June 19	..	..	5	7	12	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	00
Dennysville	1805, Oct. 27	Charles Whittier	1860, Nov. 13	1860, Nov. 13	10	10	45	70	115	24	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	0	190	252
Eastport, Central	1819, Feb. 7	Thomas E. Babb, s.s.	1869, Jan. 19	1868, Sept. 25	1	..	19	57	76	24	9	2	11	2	0	0	2	3	2	60	70
Jonesboro'	1840, April 24	Vacant				..	6	5	11	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	00
Lubec	1818, Sept. 1	Vacant				..	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	00
Machias, Center-street	1782, Sept. 12	Henry F. Harding, s.s.	1855, Oct. 17	1855, June 15	15	..	55	134	189	20	3	0	3	3	0	0	3	3	2	280	375
Machias, East	1826, June 8	Henry E. Harwood, s.s.	Licentiate.	1869, Oct. 1	..	..	41	78	119	33	3	0	3	1	8	0	9	3	0	200	25
Machiasport	1831, Jan. 25	Gilman Bacheller s.s.	1831, June 15	1831, June 15	39	..	18	24	42	9	3	1	4	2	0	0	2	2	0	65	10
Northfield	1836, Sept. 15	Joseph E. Walker, s.s.	Licentiate.	1869, Aug. 5	..	..	4	6	10	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	30
Pembroke	1835, Sept. 30	Vacant			..	..	6	16	22	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	6
Perry	1822, Oct. 7	Andrew J. McLeod. s.s.	Licentiate.	1869, Oct. 1	..	..	13	36	49	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	7
Princeton	1858, Dec. 2	John J. Blair, s.s.	Licentiate.	1870, July.	..	..	5	18	23	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	25
Robbinston	1811, Nov. 24	George W. Kelley, s.s.	Licentiate.	1869, Aug. 1	..	..	26	68	94	31	1	0	1	2	0	1	3	0	0	60	67
St. Stephen, N. B.	1846, Oct. 21	Edgar L. Foster	1867, Oct. 4	1867, Sept. 1	3	3	30	79	109	12	1	1	2	4	7	0	11	1	1	160	425
Topsfield	1861, Nov. 6	Reuben D. Osgood, s.s.	Licentiate.	1869, Jan. 1	..	..	10	20	30	8	8	1	9	1	0	0	1	8	0	93	32
Whiting	1833, Nov. 9	Charles W. Park, s.s.	Licentiate.	1869, Aug. 1	..	..	3	16	19	3	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	0	85	50
Whitneyville	1833, Dec. 7	Joseph E. Walker, s.s.	Licentiate.	1869, Aug. 5	..	..	16	25	41	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	60	25
Twenty.		*2 Pastors, 13 S. S.=15.*	*Av. Min'l and*	*Pastoral age.*	13	6	354	816	1170	191	38	8	46	26	19	1	46	26	6	1726	$1,969

Average age Stated Supply, five years.

* Union Schools.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING in Dennysville, October 12, 13, 1869. Opening Sermon, Rev. Edgar L. Foster, of St. Stephen, "Who shall roll away the stone." Conference Sermon, Rev. William C. Wood, of Lanesville, Mass.. "I have called you friends." Topics for remark: 1. The Sabbath school cause. 2. The missionary work of the churches. Mrs. Benjamin G. Snow of the Micronesian mission, the only foreign missionary sent out from this Conference, was present, and gave an account of her work. The Reports of the Churches did not indicate any special interest in religion. Resolutions adopted in memory of Dea. George Downes, who died in Calais, Oct. 4, 1869, aet. 76. (Obituary notice by S. H. K. in Ch. Mirror, Oct. 19.) Services closed with the administration of the Lord's Supper.

The following resolutions were passed by the Conference, October 12:

Resolved, That we bear our testimony to the value of the Common School system, and we utter our earnest conviction that the Bible should never be excluded from our schools.

Resolved, That we reaffirm our interest in the cause of Temperance; our conviction of the value of the pledge of total abstinence; the need of a fearless execution of the prohibitory law, and the need of personal activity on the part of all, in using legal and moral means to prevent the sale of intoxicating drinks; to reclaim the fallen, and to shield and save the young from the drunkard's doom.

Resolved, That it is advisable for the Congregationalists of Maine to establish a Classical School of high order in some good location in the State, as soon as may be, after thirty thousand dollars shall have been raised for the purpose.

Resolved, That this Conference recommend that a committee be appointed and authorized by the General Conference to solicit and receive subscriptions and donations; to appoint a treasurer, and to appoint, if necessary, an agent who shall devote his whole time and energy to the acquisition of the necessary funds, till the above named thirty thousand dollars be obtained.

FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING at Perry, June 14, 15, 1870. Rev. Edgar L. Foster, of St. Stephen, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, Rev. Thomas E. Babb, of Eastport, 1 Cor. 8: 12-15. General subject for discussion: The faith of the Pilgrims. 1. The value and influence of this faith in the individual Christian experience and life. 2. The expansive and propagating power of this faith,—a. In the conversion and education of children, leading to the organization of sabbath schools and the common school system. b. In all missionary work, home and foreign. [Cont. on p. 55.]

YORK CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, first Tuesday in June.—Organized in Buxton, October 1, 1822.—Semi-annual Meeting, last Tuesday in October.

CHURCHES.—1870, May 1.—MINISTERS. CHURCH MEM., May 1, 1870 Admitted.—1869.– Removed. Baptized.

e and Name.	*Organized.*	*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Inst. or S. S.*	*M. A.*	*P. A.*	*Mle*	*Fem.*	*Tot*	*Abs*	*Prf*	*Let.*	*Tot*	*Dth*	*Dis*	*Ex.*	*Tot*	*Adl*	*Inf.*	*S. Sch*	*Cont.*
Alfred	1781, Sept. 18	William S. Thompson, s.s.	1860, Nov. 17	1869, Jan. 1	9	.	19	36	55	17	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	3	64	$ 21
Biddeford, First	1791, Sept. 8	George Lewis, s.s.	1865, Dec. 13	1869, Jan. 20	5	..	23	70	93	25	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	73	112
Biddeford, Second	1730, April 30	Ludwig Wolfsen, s.s.	Licentiate.	1870, Mar. 27	..	..	24	56	80	25	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	00	10
Biddeford, Pavilion	1805, May 1	John D. Emerson	1858, Oct. 1	1868, Mar. 5	11	2	67	169	236	20	10	1	11	4	2	0	6	9	4	290	300
Buxton	1857, Oct. 20	Charles Tenney	1844, Feb. 7	1858, Dec. 7	26	11	36	128	164	34	6	1	7	1	4	0	5	3	2	175	318
Buxton Center	1763, Mar. 16	Charles H. Gates, s.s.	1851, Sept.	1868, Aug. 1	19	..	21	69	90	3	6	1	7	3	1	0	4	5	0	100	20
Cornish Village	1763, Mar. 16	Joseph Smith, s.s.	1842, Nov. 10	1868, Sept. 13	27	..	17	43	60	15	3	1	4	2	0	0	2	0	0	65	33
Elliot	1840, Sept. 6	Albert Cole, s.s.	1847, Mar. 25	1858, July 4	23	..	22	45	67	8	14	0	14	0	1	0	1	13	1	60	34
Kennebunk, Union	1721, June 22	Vacant			..	..	15	60	75	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	00
Kennebunkport	1826, Aug. 15	Walter E. Darling	1862, May 20	1866, Mar. 20	8	4	34	49	83	00	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	96	500
Kennebunkport, So.	1730, Nov.	Thomas N. Lord, s.s.	1837, Aug.	1869, Feb. 1	33	..	17	42	59	16	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	50	30
Kittery, First	1838, Jan. 10	John W. Savage, s.s.	1863, Dec. 10	1870, April 3	6	..	8	36	44	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	00
Lebanon	1714, Nov. 4	S. S. Drake, s.s.	1834, Oct. 15	1868, Nov. 1	35	..	8	19	27	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	25
Limerick	1765, Jan. 24	John Parsons	1857, May 14	1869, Nov. 9	13	..	22	35	57	20	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	80	50
Limington	1795, July 5	Thomas N. Lord, s.s.	1837, Aug.	1870, Aug. 1	33	..	30	64	94	24	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	00	5
Lyman	1789, Oct. 11	Samuel W. Pearson, s.s.	Licentiate.	1869, June 6	..	..	27	62	89	15	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	100	42
Newfield, West	1801, Dec. 2	William A. Merrill, s.s.	1852, Oct. 27	1864, Dec. 10	18	.	37	60	97	14	1	0	1	1	2	0	3	1	0	90	65
Parsonsfield	1801, July 1	George S. Kemp, s.s.	1856, Feb. 28	1864, June 26	14	..	17	35	52	12	7	0	7	1	0	0	1	3	1	60	15
Saco, First	1795, Jan. 7	Vacant			..	..	5	8	13	5	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	00	00
Sanford	1762, Oct. 13	Benson M. Frink	1862, Jan. 9	1870, June 30	8	..	58	157	215	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	225	300
Sanford, South	1786, July 19	William V. Jordan, s.s.	1836, Sept. 13	1870, April 2	33	..	17	34	51	10	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	00	5
Shapleigh	1786, July 19	William V. Jordan, s.s.	1836, Sept. 13	1870, April 2	..	..	9	24	33	3	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	50	33
South Berwick	1823, Oct. 23	Vacant			..	..	3	8	11	00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	00
Wells, First	1702, June 4	Silvanus Hayward	1861, Oct. 9	1866, May 10	9	4	26	93	119	32	4	0	4	4	3	0	7	2	3	119	990
Wells, Second	1701, Oct. 29	Lewis Goodrich, s.s.	1850, Jan. 1	1868, March 7	20	..	37	98	135	22	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	150	146
York, First	1831, Aug. 23	Samuel Bowker, s.s.	1845, Dec. 8	1867, Oct. 1	24	..	27	56	83	13	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	80	50
York, Second	1672, Dec. 3	Benjamin W. Pond	1862, Jan. 27	Pastor elect.	8	.	21	71	92	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	100	44
	1782.	Joseph Freeman, s.s.	1844, Mar. 10	1869, Aug. 1	26	..	14	35	49	12	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	40	38
Twenty-eight.		*6 Pastors, 17 S. S.=23.*	*Av. Min'l and*	*Pastoral age.*	18	4	661	1662	2323	430	58	9	67	33	18	1	52	39	16	2177	$ 3186

Average age Stated Supply, three years.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Rev. Thomas C. Upham, Kennebunkport, ordained July 16, 1823.

YORK ASSOCIATION organized in Arundel (now Kennebunkport), October 27, 1817; meets on the first Tuesday of February and May, and the last Tuesday in September. Rev. John D. Emerson, of Biddeford, *Scribe.*

The ministers in South Berwick, Elliot, York, and Kittery are connected with the PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION, formed in Kittery, October 24, 1781. Annual Meeting third Tuesday in April; other meetings on the third Tuesday of July, October, and January. Rev. Silvanus Hayward, of South Berwick, *Scribe.* [Continued on page 54.]

YORK CONFERENCE,—Continued from page 53.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING in Acton, October 12, 13, 1869. Sermons, by Rev. Lewis Goodrich, of 1st ch., Wells, Romans 11: 33,—"O the depth of the riches," etc.; and Rev. Charles H. Gates, of Buxton, 1 Peter 1: 12,—"Which things the angels desire to look into." Discussion on the Bible, and Evangelical truths. Sabbath school meeting Wednesday afternoon. Lord's Supper, administered at the close.

"The hours spent in devotional exercises, at the commencement of the sessions of Conference, were precious seasons; and the wish was expressed that we might appropriate to such purposes, much more time, in future meetings of Conference; making them protracted revival meetings of three days, instead of two. Let us think of this proposition." *Scribe.* Ch. Mir., Oct. 26.

FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING held with the First church in Wells, June 2, 3, 1870. Opening Sermon, Rev. William S. Thompson, of Acton, Exodus 3: 5,—"Put off thy shoes from off thy feet," etc. Conference Sermon, Rev. Joseph Smith, of Buxton, 2 Cor. 6: 16,—"Ye are the temple of the living God," etc. Topics for Remark; Prayer Meetings; Temperance; Personal piety; Lay efforts; Resolutions passed favorable to observing this Memorial Year,—and of establishing a classical school in the State. Sabbath school meeting Tuesday afternoon. Anniversary of the York County Bible Society. Observance of the Lord's Supper. Rev. S. C. Kimball, a delegate from the Free Will Baptist York County Quarterly Meeting, was gladly received by the Conference,—and a delegate in return was appointed to that body.

"An excellent meeting, and best of all, the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit were with us."—Reported Ch. Mir., June 21.

Rev. JOHN PARSONS, called to the church in Lebanon, November 9, 1869.

Rev. BENSON M. FRINK (Bangor Seminary, 1862), installed Pastor of the First church, Saco, June 30, 1870. Rev. William H. Fenn, of Portland, *Moderator* of Council; Rev. John D. Emerson, of Biddeford, *Scribe*. Public services,—Invocation and Reading the Scriptures, Rev. Walter E. Darling, of Kennebunk; Prayer, Rev. Silvanus Hayward, of South Berwick; Sermon, President Samuel Harris, of Bowdoin College, Matt. 5: 46, 47. Theme,—Christianity, as a system of morals, infinitely superior to all philosophy; Installing Prayer, Rev. Albert Cole, of Cornish; Charge, Rev. John J. Carruthers, of Portland; right hand of fellowship, Rev. John D. Emerson; Benediction, by Pastor. (The address to the people was to be by the Moderator, but he was obliged to return home.)

Rev. Samuel N. Hidden, late of Great Falls, N. H., to supply for one year, the Second (South) Church, Kennebunkport (Sept., 1869).

Rev. BENJAMIN WISNER POND, from Charlton, Mass., accepts a call to First Church, York, March, 1870. (Bowdoin graduate, 1857, Bangor Seminary, 1861.)

Mr. John W. Savage (Bangor Seminary, 1869), formerly of Bluehill, accepts a call to South church, Kennebunkport, April 3, 1870.

Rev. Benjamin T. Sanborn (Bangor Seminary, 1863), formerly of Freeport, accepts a call to Elliot, June, 1870.

Rev. William V. Jordan (Bowdoin, 1831, Bangor, 1836), is to supply the church in Sandford, one year, June, 1870.

Rev. Ludwig Wolfsen is obliged to leave the charge of First church, Biddeford, on account of his health, July, 1870. Rev. John Usher Parsons left North Acton, Sept. 1869, and has resided in Wellesley, Mass., and Portland, Me.

Rev. Rufus M. Sawyer, formerly of York, Pastor of the church in Iowa City, Iowa, January, 1870. Rev. James R. Bourne, formerly of Scarboro', called to church in West Rutland, Vt., January, 1870. Rev. Albion H. Johnson, formerly of Limington, remains in California, visiting and building up the churches in the mountains, March, 1870. Rev. Wellington Newell, of Brewer Village, supplied a few Sabbaths in Limerick, February, 1870. Rev. Silvanus Hayward, of South Berwick, appointed to deliver the Poem, at the anniversary of the literary societies of Dartmouth College, July, 1870.

MEETING-HOUSES.—*Limington*, re-cated and improved, Sept., 1869. *Buxton*, remodeled and frescoed; dedicated September 7, 1869. Rev. Joseph Smith, of Buxton, read the Scriptures; Dedicatory Prayer, Rev. Samuel Bowker, of Wells; Sermon, Rev. Charles Tenney, of Biddeford. *Kennebunk*, the interior remodeled, with new black walnut pews, stained glass windows,—a new steeple, with an addition back of the pulpit for the new organ. Dedicated May 5, 1870. Sermon, by Rev. George W. Field, of Bangor, Ps. 95: 6,—Let us worship and kneel down, and Luke 8: 18,—Take heed how ye hear. Dedicatory prayer, by the Pastor, Rev. W. E. Darling. *Biddeford, Second ch.*, the spire blown down by the gale in September, 1869. The society propose to expend about $15,000 in remodeling the house.

PARSONAGES.—The First church, Kennebunkport, have sold the old parsonage, and purchased anew, which is to be fitted up for the occupancy of Rev. Thomas N. Lord, now acting Pastor, Oct., 1869. The parsonage in South Berwick has been enlarged, Nov., 1869. That in Alfred renovated, after damage by fire, April, 1870. The people contributed $100 to aid the acting Pastor, Rev. George Lewis, on account of his loss by the fire.

Special religious interest in Acton, Biddeford, Buxton, and Wells, February, 1870.

York County Evangelical Association, held in Kennebunk, Dec. 14, 15, 1869.

Pastors of churches in Springvale, Sanford Corners and South Sanford, instituted a course of monthly Temperance meetings, August, 1869.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bell, wife of Rev. John D. Emerson, died in Biddeford, July 28, 1869. Ob. Ch. M., Aug. 10. Mrs. Eliza Wilder, wife of Rev. Philip Titcomb, formerly of Limerick, died in Plymton, Mass., June 8, 1870, æt. 47.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES. Acton, Rev. Wm. S. Thompson; Alfred, Thomas Rogers; Biddeford, 1st ch., Rev. Ludwig Wolfsen; Biddeford, 2d ch., ; Biddeford, Pavilion ch., Rev. Chas. Tenney; Buxton, Geo. G. Davis; Buxton Center, Rev. Joseph Smith; Cornish, Rev. A. Cole; Elliot, Dea. Joseph Frost; Kennebunk, Union, Rev. Walter E. Darling; Kennebunkport, ; Kennebunkport, South, ; Kittery, Rev. S. S. Drake; Lebanon, ; Limerick, ; Limington, S. W. Pearson; Lyman, Dimon Roberts; Newfield, West, Rev. Geo. S. Kemp; Parsonsfield, H. G. O. Smith; Saco, Dominicus Jordan; Sanford, Wm. L. Emery; Sanford, South, Joel G. Moulton; Shapleigh, ; South Berwick, Rev. Silvanus Hayward; Wells, 1st ch., Rev. Lewis Goodrich; Wells, 2d ch., Samuel Lindsey; York, 1st ch., J. E. Staples; York, 2d ch., Rev. Joseph Freeman.

Rev. Albert Cole, of Cornish, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference;* Rev. Lewis Goodrich, of *Wells, Reporter,* Next semi-annual meeting in West Newfield, Oct. 26, 26, 1870.

OXFORD CONFERENCE,—Continued from page 45.

Revival influence at Gilead, Sept., 1869. Four added to church at its last communion. Rev. David Garland, of Bethel, conducting the exercises. The acting Pastor of that church, Rev. Henry Richardson, is only waiting for the summons of the Master, to his heavenly home.

Sabbath School Convention at South Paris, Jan. 26, 1870.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES. Andover, Chas. A. Newhall; Bethel, 1st ch., Albert L. Burbank; Bethel, 2d ch., Rev. David Garland; Dixfield, ; Gilead, Rev. Henry Richardson; Gorham, N. H., ; Norway, 1st ch., O. Perry; Norway, 2d ch., T. G. Goodwin; Oxford. ; Rumford, Dea. Henry Martin; Shelburne, N. H., South Paris, O. C. Bolster; Sumner, S. G. Cushman; Turner, N. W. Adams; Upton, A. W. Strickland.

Frederick E. Shaw, of Paris Hill, *Scribe and Treasurer;* Dea. T. G. Goodwin, of Norway, *Reporter of Sabbath Schools.* Next meeting in Andover, Oct. 17, 18, 1870.

OXFORD ASSOCIATION formed in Norway, June 11, 1822, meets second Tuesday in May, July, and September. Rev. Thomas T. Merry, of Norway, *Scribe.*

UNION CONFERENCE,—Continued from page 50.

Mrs. Lucy Irish died in Fryeburg, July 4, 1869, æt. 76; a member of the church in Stow and Chatham. Ob. Ch. Mirror, Aug. 31. Mrs. Elizabeth Stevens, widow of the late Rev. William Davenport, of Otisfield, died in Winthrop, June 5, 1870, æt. 68. Funeral services at Hallowell. Sermon by Rev. J. T. Hawes, of Litchfield.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES. Albany, Dr. J. H. Lovejoy; Bridgton, ; Bridgton, North, M. Gould; Bridgton, South, ; Brownfield, Cyrus Wentworth; Casco, Joseph Moors; Denmark, Fryeburg, G. S. Barrows; Harrison, Howard L. Sampson; Hiram, Peleg Wadsworth; Lovell, Henry M. Stearns; Naples, ; Otisfield, ; Stow, and Chatham, A. V. Stevens; Sweden, Geo. A. Holden; Waterford, Rev. John A. Douglass; Waterford, North, John A. Green.

Rev. Ezra B. Pike, of Stow, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.*

UNION ASSOCIATION, formed in South Bridgton, January 1, 1834,—meets the first Tuesday in January, May, July, September, and November. Rev. Ezra B. Pike, of Stow, *Scribe.*

WALDO CONFERENCE,—Continued from page 51.

E. M. Smart, from Bangor Seminary, stated supply in North Belfast, from Aug., 1870. The ladies of Frankfort Mills, raising money to repair the meeting-house in that place, June, 1870.

Religious interest in Monroe, March, 1870.

Sabbath school convention in Rockport, May 26, 1870. Dea. Nathaniel Stowers, who has been the faithful superintendent of the sabbath school in Sandy Point (Stockton), for fifty years, resigns, April, 1870. Dea. S. died June 14, 1870, æt. 73. Ob. Ch. Mir., Aug. 9.

The Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec, at their meeting at Montreal in June, 1869, referring to the mission in Labrador, made mention of Miss McFarland, of Camden, Me., a missionary there, as "a real heroine." She collected for that mission $800, during her late visit to the United States.

The house of worship of the Elm St. Cong'l ch., Camden, recently enlarged and beautified, was dedicated July 24, 1870. Sermon, by Rev. S. P. Fay, of Bangor. Ps. 118: 26, "We have blessed you out of the house of the Lord." Dedicatory Prayer, Rev. J. E. Adams, of Searsport. The Pastor, Rev. H. A. Shorey, in a statement made in respect to the house, mentioned four facts that were peculiarly gratifying. 1. The cost was within the estimate made. 2. It was ready for dedication at the time appointed. 3. The completion of the work, in neatness, efficiency, and beauty, was beyond the first expectation. 4. Every dollar of the cost is paid. In the evening, Rev. S. P. Fay, preached, by request, on the Pilgrim Fathers.

SCRIBES OF CHURCHES. Belfast, 1st ch., Rev. W. Parker; Belfast, North, ; Camden, Rev. H. A. Shorey; Frankfort, Upton Treat; Freedom, R. Elder; Jackson and Brooks, ; Rockport, N. T. Talbot; Sandy Point, Rev. J. Kyte; Searsport, 1st ch., Rev. J. E. Adams; Searsport, 2d ch., J. L. Park; Unity, ; Winterport, John Campbell.

Rev. H. Allen Shorey, of Camden, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.*

WALDO ASSOCIATION, formed in Belfast, November 10, 1830. Annual meeting in August. Assembles three times, in addition, during the year. Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Searsport, *Scribe.*

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE,—Continued from page 52.

Anniversary of the Washington County Bible Society, held June 15. The closing sermon of annual Conference was preached by Rev. Wm. Carruthers, of Calais, Romans 13-14. Lord's Supper administered by Revs. H. F. Harding and Wm. Carruthers.

Rev. Philander Thurston, invited by the church in East Machias to remain with them another year, Nov. 1869. Installed as Pastor, Sudbury, Mass., Feb. 1, 1870. Charles Elliott Harwood, of Enfield, Mass., graduate of Amherst, 1865, Andover, 1869. Stated Supply in East Machias from May, 1870. People raising funds for an organ, March, 1870.

Rev. Gilman Batcheller, of Machiasport, and Rev. Henry F. Harding, of Machias, conducted a protracted meeting in Waltham, Nov., 1869.

Rev. Henry F. Harding preaches in Marshfield, once in four weeks, Sabbath afternoon, Feb., 1870.

Rev. Thomas E. Babb, of Eastport, preaches once each Sabbath, for a season, in the North Christian church of that place, Feb., 1870. Mr. B. delivered the address at the decoration of the soldiers' graves, May 30, 1870.

James Brainerd Tyler, from the Hartford Theological Seminary, supplying the church in Cherryfield from May 1, 1870.

Charles Ware Park, of West Boxford, Mass., stated supply in Whiting, 1869; ordained in Amherst, Mass., as missionary to India, June 15, 1870. (Graduate of Amherst, 1864, Andover, 1867.)

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J. E. Walker, from Bangor Seminary, has a mission at Danforth, and Jackson Brook, July, 1870.

Rev. Charles H. Pope, of Benicia, California, spending his vacation in Maine, his native State. He was Stated Supply in Pembroke and Perry, 1863-4. The address at the 22d anniversary of the Central S. S., Bangor, Nov. 14, 1869, was delivered by him. Rev. Alfred A. Ellsworth, Stated Supply in Lubec in 1860, now in Weymouth, Mass., March, 1870.

Religious interest in Topsfield and Millbridge. April, 1870.

The church in Perry have repaired and beautifi d their meeting-house, at an expense of $1000. The churches in the county are aiding the people in Whitneyville to rebuild their meeting-house.

Washington County Sabbath School Convention in Dennysville, Feb. 22, 23, 1870. Permanent organization, Peter E. Vose, of Dennysville, *President;* Rev. Henry F. Harding, of Machias, *Chairman of Executive Committee.* Next meeting in Machias, August, 1870.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES. Alexander, Dea. Isaac Crafts; Calais, A. L. Clapp; Cherryfield, J. A. Nickels; Cooper, Asaph Sawyer; Dennysville, Dea. Peter E. Vose; Eastport, David Perkins; Jonesboro', ; Lubec, ; Machias, Daniel Longfellow; Machias, East, C. H. Seavy: Machiasport, J. F. Sanborne; Northfield, Geo. W. Smith; Pembroke, Cushing Wilder; Perry, Chas. S. Davis; Princeton, Dea. Leonard Peabody; Robbinston, Dea. Thomas Brewer; St. Stephen, N. B., S. H. Hitchings; Topsfield, Geo. F. Bradford; Whiting, Mrs. Cornelia A. Chase; Whitneyville, Dea. N. Bacheller.

Rev. Charles Whittier, of Dennysville, *Scribe of Conference;* Dea. George A. Peabody, of Eastport, *Treasurer.* Next meeting in Robbinston, October 10, 11, 1870.

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION.—Times of meeting, June and October. Sub-associations more frequently. Rev. Henry F. Harding, of Machias, *Scribe.*

LICENTIATES.

A. H. Adams.....Cooper.	Thomas M. May.....Gilead.
Walter H. Ayers.....Andover.	Vincent Moses.....Sherman.
J. C. Bodwell, jr.....Tremont.	Edward R. Osgood.....Bluehill.
John Justin Blair.....Princeton.	Reuben D. Osgood.....Topsfield and vicinity.
John Bragdon.....South Sanford.	Samuel W. Pearson.....Limington.
William F. Brown.....Benton.	William H. Rand.....Solon and Bingham.
James H. Crosby (resident).....Bangor.	John T. Rea..... Medway.
R. Henry Davis.....Hiram.	Thomas H. Rich (resident).....Bangor.
Robert Davis.....Whitneyville.	John W. Savage.....Kennebunkport.
Geo. S. Dodge.....Sedgwick and Brooksville.	Jotham Sewall.....Sweden.
Charles F. Dole.....Mercer and vicinity.	Daniel L. Smart.....North Belfast.
E. P. Eastman.....East Orrington.	Edward G. Smith.....Kenduskeag.
J. E. Fullerton.....Cumberland Mills.	Jesse P. Sprowl.....Lovell.
D. W. Hardy.....North New Portland.	Benjamin Stearns (resident).....Lovell.
G. C. Hill.....Dexter.	Richard S. Stanley (resident).....Lewiston.
A. N. Jones.....Jackson and Brooks.	Arthur H. Tebbetts.....Perry.
A. B. Jordan.....Casco and Naples.	E. S. Tingley..... Brownfield and Denmark.
George W. Kelley.....Robbinston.	Mitchell C. True.....Veazie.
B. F. Leavitt.....Somesville.	James Brainerd Tyler.....Cherryfield.
Geo. A. Lockwood.....Oxford.	J. E. Walker.....Danforth and Jackson Brook.
J. G. Max-Baler.....Northfield.	C. A. Young..... .....Freedo m

Twenty-seven of the above are from the Bangor Theological Seminary.

SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1870.

General Conference organized in Portland, January 10, 1826.

COUNTY CONFERENCES.	No. of Churches in Conference.	Pastors.	Stated Supplies	Licentiates.	Tot. Past., S. S. and Licentiates	Average Ministerial age.	Average Pastoral age.	Average age. Stated Supply.	Members May 1, 1870. Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Admitted. Profes'n.	Letter.	Total.	Removed. Deaths.	Dismiss'n	Excluded	Total.	Baptisms. Adults.	Infants.	Total.	Number in Sabbath Schools.	Contributions in the Churches.
Aroostook	13	2	1	1	4	16	0	2	121	210	331	60	8	7	15	2	2	1	5	5	2	7	695	$ 160
Cumberland	39	13	16	0	29	20	11	3	1486	3,514	5,000	840	107	87	194	72	147	11	230	66	36	102	4,919	10,401
Franklin	11	2	6	0	8	16	8	4	297	482	779	170	4	8	12	7	10	0	17	2	4	6	914	761
Hancock	13	4	5	0	9	23	25	2	299	714	1,013	160	13	10	23	17	14	2	33	13	5	18	1,068	1,150
Kennebec	15	4	5	2	11	20	4	5	354	948	1,302	286	35	9	44	31	26	0	57	22	13	35	1,873	3,097
Lincoln and Sagadahoc	23	6	8	0	14	17	10	3	575	1,561	2,136	339	36	11	47	45	25	2	72	23	21	44	2,000	3,905
Oxford	15	5	4	0	9	18	6	6	292	657	949	208	32	31	63	9	27	2	38	21	11	32	1,066	736
Penobscot	16	6	5	2	13	15	4	4	478	1,175	1,653	363	36	31	67	26	27	0	53	20	11	31	2,263	5,793
Piscataquis	10	3	3	1	7	22	9	1	237	392	629	108	6	12	18	10	9	0	19	4	10	14	719	426
Somerset	12	1	5	1	7	24	12	5	240	405	605	122	30	8	38	11	7	0	18	23	1	24	902	677
Union	17	4	6	0	10	15	14	4	402	760	1,162	193	61	10	71	24	21	0	45	43	5	48	1,220	771
Waldo	12	4	2	1	7	14	5	1	211	577	788	110	30	7	37	10	5	1	16	25	9	34	815	951
Washington	20	2	4	9	15	13	6	5	354	816	1,170	191	38	8	46	26	19	1	46	26	6	32	1,726	1,909
York	28	6	15	2	23	18	4	3	661	1,662	2,323	430	58	9	67	33	18	1	52	39	16	55	2,177	3,186
Fourteen.	244	62	85	19	166				5967	13,873	19,840	3580	494	248	742	323	357	21	701	332	150	482	22,417	$ 33,983

Six churches added to the Conference: Welsh Congregational Church, Ligonia Village, Rolling Mills, Cape Elizabeth, organized March 14, 1869 (Minutes, 1869, page 44); North New Portland, May 27, 1869 (Minutes, 1869, page 45); Caribou, July 18, 1869 (Minutes, 1869, page 41); Warren Church, Cumberland Mills, Westbrook, Sept. 30, 1869 (Minutes, 1870, page 38); Greenville, Dec. 5, 1869 (Minutes, 1870, page 47); Plymouth Church, Portland, Dec. 27, 1869 (Minutes, 1870, page 39). Two churches merged in one,—the Third Church, Portland, organized September 9, 1825, and Central Church, Portland, organized Jan. 24, 1856; united Dec. 27, 1869, under the name of the Plymouth Church.

Adding twenty-eight ordained ministers without pastoral charge, not in the TABLES, and deducting two who were stated supply in more than one Conference, the whole number of ministers is one hundred and seventy-three. Number of licentiates, forty-three. Ministers dismissed, four. Pastors installed, four. Pastors ordained, two. Evangelist ordained, one. Ministers formerly residing in the State, deceased, thirteen.

Average ministerial age of all ordained ministers in the State, nineteen years; of the twenty-eight who have no pastoral charge, twenty-nine years. Average time of settlement of sixty-two over the churches of which they are now pastors, eight years. Average time of settlement of eighty-five stated supplies, four years. Average time to each Conference may be seen in the above table.

The number received by profession and letter, 742. Removed by death, dismission, and exclusion, 701. Additions above removals, 41. Baptisms, 482. Contributions, $33,983.—including legacies, $42,300. Total membership, 19,840. Non-residents, 3580. Number in Sabbath schools, 22,417.—decrease from last year, 296.

Decrease of total membership from last year, 129. Decrease in six Conferences, viz.: Cumberland, 138; Franklin, 9; Kennebec, 1; Lincoln and Sagadahoc, 50; Penobscot, 8; York, 74.—total, 280. Increase in seven Conferences, viz.: Aroostook, 6; Oxford, 15; Piscataquis, 31; Somerset, 41; Union, 23; Waldo, 33; Washington, 2.—total, 151. Hancock same as last year.

While the total membership of the churches show a decrease of 129, the actual additions, above the removals, were 41. The discrepance is owing to some error in the total number of members returned by the churches. It is important that the Scribes of churches should see that their returns agree with the previous year,—adding the receptions, and deducting the removals for the year, for which they report. Non-resident members should be included in the total number of members belonging to the church.

Of the contributions, $15,000 was for Home Missions, $17,000, Foreign Missions; $6,000, Am. Mis. Asso.; $500, Tract Societies; $800, Am. Bible So.; $700 Am Ed. So.; $600 Am. and Foreign Christian Union; $500, Seaman; $400, Me. Congregational Charitable Socity; $800, Am. Congregational Union.

BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Incorporated February 25, 1814.

REPORT OF VISITING COMMITTEE.

Your Visiting Committee, in presenting their annual report, cannot be unmindful of the important circumstances which lend to the occasion a somewhat peculiar interest.

That our Seminary is just on the eve of its semi-centennial anniversary, is an event of some consequence, and dividing our thoughts between the past and the future, is suggestive of many interesting and important reflections. But, furthermore, in connection with this event, we are able to report on the evidence furnished at the last anniversary, that with this transition it seems to have passed a great crisis, and relieved of its most pressing difficulties and embarrassments, enters upon this second period of its existence under more hopeful and encouraging auspices. That the exercises of the last anniversary failed to give *entire* satisfaction, and fell somewhat below the standard of excellence exhibited on former occasions, was matter of observation and regret to both visitors and professors, and resulted from causes that belong wholly to the past.

The vacancy in two of its most important departments of instruction, caused by the loss of two of its most honored professors, who if not more efficient and valued as instructors, were more in contact with the public,—the difficulty and apparent impossibility of filling their places, owing to the chronic deficiency and embarrassment in its finances,—the consequent uncertainty hanging over its future, and the exodus of students, made the situation one of painful anxiety to its friends, and of ominous conjecture as to the issue. In this trying emergency,—placed between the horns of this dilemma, where the means were wanting to obtain the men, and the men were wanting to obtain the means, too much credit cannot be rendered to the Trustees, that they walked by faith and not by sight, and proceeded to fill the vacant chairs with able men, trusting in God for the means. The result has justified the wisdom of the step, and the improved circumstances under which the Seminary enters upon its second period give assurance to its friends and patrons of a prosperous future.

May it not be permitted here to ask the question, naturally suggested by the foregoing remarks,—Whose is the fault that our Theological School has been for half a century a charity school, begging constantly and fruitlessly for the means, I will not say of perfectly successful operation, but even of comfortable existence, and near the end of this peril found itself in danger of extinction, or, at least, of sinking down to an inferior grade? Has the experience of the past proved it to be a superfluous or unneeded institution? Or has it shown itself incompetent or unsuccessful in its high vocation? Nothing is further from the truth. In spite of its difficulties, it has borne the richest fruits, and achieved results far beyond any reasonable expectations. It has made for itself an honorable name, and obtained a reputation both for its professors and graduates second to none in the land. It has been justly celebrated

for its type of ministerial culture, in respect to both intellectual and pastoral qualifications; and in proportion to the number, no Seminary has sent out more able, eloquent, and faithful preachers and ministers of the gospel, or more devoted missionaries of the cross, then Bangor. The past half century, then, has been rich in fruits.

But as to the other question, is it a superfluous and unneeded institution, as some have thought and advised to give it up,—the dependence of Maine alone upon it for its ministers, is a sufficient answer. Hard to keep the ministers we educate, it would be impossible to obtain them from abroad. For illustration: about one year ago a servant of the Lord Jesus, waiting with exemplary patience round the ministerial brokerage in Boston for an eligible call, and meeting a son of Maine and of Bangor, who was about returning to preach in his native State, remarked to him that there was but one church in Maine that he would accept a call from, and that State street, Portland. This may be an extreme case, but illustrates a truth. The larger pulpits only could obtain pastors, and unless the majority of the churches were able to look to Bangor for their ministers, Congregationalism in Maine would not be able to hold its own. Our Missionary Society would be greatly crippled, if not paralyzed in its efforts, without this resource, and a large number of our churches would speedily become extinct, I am informed by our venerable President.

And while the difficulty of obtaining ministers from beyond the limits of the State in the future will be constantly increasing, the need and the demand will be far greater. Maine has vast, undeveloped resources and facilities for business and growth that are being rapidly made available and improved. A leading New York journal recently published the prediction that ere many years the current of population would be flowing into instead of from Maine. And while the calls are becoming daily more urgent for ministers that cannot be had, from all the rapidly growing sections of this great and widespread country, what will the future of Maine do for her present and prospective population, unless she make timely provision for raising them on her own soil.

But a wider field of vision opens before us. A still greater need will soon be knocking at our doors. Railroads and intercourse, commercial ties, and business connections, present self-interest, and proximity stronger far than old animosities and national antipathies, are fast annihilating the imaginary barrier of nationalities that follow the channel of the St. Croix, and all events prophesy the speedy consummation of a political union between the United States and the British Provinces.

How can we fail to recognize a special providence in the location of our School of the Prophets, which in the outset might well have seemed of questionable policy. For passing by the unflagging interest and unwearied beneficence of the Christian men and women of Bangor, upon which the Seminary has in a great measure fed and grown for half a century, observe how her enterprise is creating her the centre of the vast region composed of this State and the Provinces. Thus they builded better than they knew. Was it the sagacity of human foresight, or the inspiration of Divine wisdom, that led the pious founders of our Seminary, while thus planting the Seminary fifty years ago in a little village on the outskirts of civilization, to hit upon the future centre of this extensive region, so admirably situated to draw together from all parts the young men for their ministerial training, and to send forth over the same, the annual supply for the churches existing and the more yet to be.

Instructed, then, by the lessons of the past, let us look candidly at the situation of the present, and listen thoughtfully to the suggestions of the future. I need not say the last anniversary witnessed the existing departments of instruction all filled,

two by the recently elected professors, in whom we place great confidence and hope. We missed with regret the presence of the Greek and Hebrew Professor, whose temporary absence was ably filled by Mr. Rich. We were most happy to greet again the accustomed and still hale presence of our beloved President, bereft of which the anniversary would lose one of its most characteristic and interesting features, a loss which we trust for many years it will be spared.

Of the $100,000 asked for by the Trustees, about $53,000 only is thus far secured, including the Washburn legacy. The whole amount is really below its full requirements, to provide it with the facilities and appliances of a school of the highest order. It wants the means of filling every department as it shall become vacant, with the best talent in the country. Its urgent and immediate needs are, a permanent library fund; a considerable enlargement of its charitable foundation; a contingent fund for extraordinary expenses; and some provision for regular and systematic instruction and training in elocution.

Thus the past and the future plead eloquently for our Seminary, and claim for it a warm interest and a generous endowment, such as shall raise it to the highest rank as a Theological School, make it an honor to our State, and one we shall be proud to acknowledge as a representative of Congregational ideas and principles, a fountain of sacred learning, and a powerful auxiliary to the cause of Christ.

At the next anniversary, when fifty years will have passed since she entered upon her mission, our Alma Mater invites all her children, from their widely scattered homes, to gather again in her presence and listen to the recital of her past struggles, her achievements, and her future aims. Brethren,—let us not fail of the duty. Let us all come together to recall the associations of earlier days, to renew the pledges of our affection and our lasting interest, and make it an occasion of which she may be justly proud; worthy of the past, and worthy to inaugurate the more glorious era of the future.

All which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY F. HARDING, *Chairman.*

TRUSTEES OF THE BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Searsport, *President*.....1850
George W. Pickering, of Bangor, *Vice-president*.....1837
Dea. Joseph S. Wheelwright, of Bangor, *Secretary*.....1850
Rev. George E. Adams, of Brunswick.....1850
Dea. George A. Thatcher, of Bangor.....1850
Samuel Pickard, of Auburn.....1852
Dea. Henry Darling, of Bucksport.....1852
Rev. Wooster Parker, of Belfast.....1858
Rev. Richard Woodhull, of Bangor.....1864
Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine.....1865
Richard P. Buck, of Brooklyn, N. Y.....1867
Dea. Samuel D. Thurston, of Bangor.....1867
Rev. Benjamin Tappan, of Norridgewock.....1868
Eben Steele, of Portland.....1868
Rev. Stephen H. Hayes, of South Weymouth, Mass.....1869
Dea. Simon Page, of Hallowell.....1869

FACULTY.

Rev. ENOCH POND, D. D., President, and WALDO Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Pastoral Duties.....1832
Rev. D. SMITH TALCOTT, D. D., HAYES Professor of Sacred Literature.....1839
Rev. JOHN R. HERRICK, D. D., BUCK Professor of Christian Theology.....1867
Rev. WILLIAM M. BARBOUR, D. D., FOGG Professor of Sacred Rhetoric, and Lecturer on the English Language.....1868
MARK BAILEY, Teacher of Elocution.....1862

TREASURER AND GENERAL AGENT.

Rev. RICHARD WOODHULL, of Bangor.....Elected Nov. 20, 1862
☞Office, South wing of Commons House.

Term commences twelve weeks from the Anniversary,—which is held on the Thursday following the last Wednesday in July. Examination of classes, and Society addresses, on Tuesday and Wednesday previous.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE SEMINARY....1870.

Monday Evening, July 25.—Anniversary of the Rhetorical Society. Addresses by members of the Junior and Middle classes. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. James H. Crosby, of Bangor. Benediction by Professor Barbour.

July 26.—Examination of the Junior and Senior classes—a. m. and p. m., in the chapel of the Seminary.

Evening.—Address by Professor J. H. Seelye, of Amherst College, before the Rhetorical Society, and Society of Inquiry, in the First Cong'l Church. Theme—"The power of Ideas."

Wednesday, July 27, A. M.—Examination of the Middle class, in the chapel.

Three o'clock P. M.—Historical Address by Rev. Enoch Pond, President of the Faculty, in Hammond street Church. Prayer—Rev. Jotham Sewall, of Chicago, Illinois. An original Hymn, written for the occasion by Mrs. S. F. Woodhull, of Bangor, was sung, and other appropriate Hymns. Benediction by Rev. Professor John R. Herrick.

The church was tastefully decorated with flowers and evergreens, and the names of the founders and older Trustees of the Seminary, of deceased and living Professors, donors, and others, in letters of green, were arranged around the pulpit, in the alcoves and windows, on each side, and in the rear of the house, between the doors. In the vestibule was the inscription—"MEMORIAL YEAR, 1870."

Five o'clock P. M.—The annual meeting of the ALUMNI was held, Rev. S. L. Bowler, President, in the chair. Reference was made to the deaths during the year, by Rev. Henry S. Loring, of Amherst, chairman of the Committee on Necrology. Rev. Wales Lewis, Alumnus 1825, died in Pittston, Me., December 26, 1869, æt. 71; Rev. Gilman A. Hoyt (1866), died in Hiawatha, Kansas, June 4, 1870, æt. 30; Rev. Alexander Fuller, jr. (1862), died in Kingston, Mass., Dec. 5, 1869, æt. 31. He also read a notice of his classmate, Rev. Lemuel C. Spofford, whose death at La Porte, Indiana, was reported last year. Rev. John G. Bayley, of Hyde Park, Vt. (a descendant of Rev. Kiah Bayley, one of the founders of the Seminary), also referred to his classmate, Rev. A. Fuller, jr. (Notice by J. P. of Mr. F. in Cong. Quarterly, July, 1870, p. 403.)

Officers for the ensuing year.—Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Searsport, *President;* Rev. B. Thayer, of Garland, *Vice-president;* Rev. Smith Baker, jr., of Orono,

Secretary; Revs. George W. Field, and James H. Crosby, of Bangor, *Supplementary Committee;* Rev. Edward Hawes, of Philadelphia, *Preacher for* 1871; Rev. John S. Sewall, of Brunswick, *Substitute;* Revs. H. F. Harding, of Machias, S. Bowker, of Wells, W. W. Dow, of Waterford, *Committee on Necrology.*

Evening.—A meeting was held in Hammond street Church, further to commemorate the semi-centennial anniversary. After Prayer by Rev. Joseph Smith, of Buxton, and singing, Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Searsport, President of the Board of Trustees, who presided on this occasion, cordially welcomed the sons and friends of the Seminary. Remarks and responses followed by President Harris, and Professor Jotham B. Sewall, of Bowdoin College; Rev. George E. Adams, of Brunswick; Rev. Jotham Sewall, of Chicago, Ill.; Rev. Benjamin G. Snow, of the Micronesian Islands; Rev. Josiah T. Hawes, of Litchfield; Rev. Edward Hawes, of Philadelphia; Rev. C. B. Smith, of Cohasset, Mass.; Rev. R. B. Howard, of Farmington; and Rev. S. H. Hayes, of South Weymouth, Mass. Hymns were sung at intervals by the choir and congregation.

Thursday, July 28, Forenoon.—Exercises by the Graduating class, in Central Ch. Prayer by Dr. Pond, President. Selections by the choir at intervals. Addresses by seven of the Seniors. Address to the class, by Professor William M. Barbour. (Published in Ch. Mirror, August 2, 1870.) Prayer and benediction by Rev. Josiah T. Hawes, of Litchfield.

Evening.—A Levee was held in the chapel of the Seminary—which was a pleasant reunion of the Alumni, Trustees, Faculty, and friends of the Seminary. The mottoes in the church were in the chapel, with the addition of others. Decorations in evergreen, flowers, and refreshments, were furnished by ladies of Bangor. The library, and other rooms, were opened, and flowers everywhere greeted the eye, and perfumed the air.

BOWDOIN COLLEGE, BRUNSWICK.

Incorporated June 24, 1794.

FACULTY.

SAMUEL HARRIS, D. D., *President*, and Professor of Mental and Moral Philosophy.

THOMAS C. UPHAM, D. D., Professor Emeritus of Mental and Moral Philosophy.

ALPHEUS S. PACKARD, D. D., Collins Professor of Natural and Revealed Religion, and Librarian.

JOHN APPLETON, LL. D., Lecturer on Medical Jurisprudence.

JOTHAM B. SEWALL, A. M., Professor of Ancient Languages and Literature.

WILLIAM C. ROBINSON, M. D., Professor of Obstetrics, and Diseases of Women and Children.

CORYDON L. FORD, M. D., Professor of Anatomy and Physiology.

A. B. PALMER, M. D., Professor of Pathology and Practice of Medicine.

WILLIAM W. GREENE, M. D., Professor of Surgery.

JOHN S. SEWALL, A. M., Professor of Rhetoric, Oratory, and English Literature.

STEPHEN J. YOUNG, A. M., Professor of Modern Languages.

CYRUS F. BRACKETT, A. M., M. D., Professor of Chemistry, Zoölogy, and Geology.

GEORGE L. GOODALE, A. M., M. D., Josiah Little Professor of Natural Science Professor of Mineralogy, Botany, and Applied Chemistry, and Professor of Materia Medica and Therapeutics.

CHARLES G. ROCKWOOD, jr., A. M., PH. D., Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy.

EDWARD L. MORSE, Professor of Comparative Anatomy and Zoölogy.

HENRY L. CHAPMAN, A. M., Instructor in Latin and Mathematics.

B. B. FOSTER, M. D., Demonstrator in Anatomy.

JOHN ROGERS, Esq., Treasurer.

DUDLEY A. SARGENT, Director of the Gymnasium.

Number of Volumes in the several Libraries, 34.000.

Medical Students		87
Science Class		10
Senior Class	30	
Junior Class	21	
Sophomore Class	30	
Freshman Class	46	127
Total		224

Fall Term commences Thursday, Sept. 1. Commencement Day, Wednesday, July 12, 1871. Fall Term commences Thursday, Aug. 31, 1871.

The Reading Room has been refitted, and is fully furnished with newspapers and magazines; and it is now a first-class Reading Room.

The "Praying Circle" of the College was instituted July 22, 1815, and meets Sabbath morning and Wednesday noon. These meetings are open to all who desire to attend. The object of this association is "the religious edification of its members, the promotion of vital godliness in the College, and prayer for the universal spread of the gospel."

BACCALAUREATE SERMON, *Sabbath evening, July* 10, 1870, by Rev. SAMUEL HARRIS, D. D., President of the College. Text—Matt. 5: 46, 47. Theme—The distinctive characteristics and superiority of the Christian doctrine of virtue.

Monday evening.—Prize Declamation of the Junior class.

Tuesday afternoon, July 11.—Address before the Alumni, by Charles D. Warner, Esq., of Hartford, Conn. Theme—"The new Education."

Wednesday forenoon.—Sixty-fourth annual commencement, twenty young gentlemen took part in the exercises. 27 Graduates.

Thursday, July 12.—Address before the Phi Beta Kappa Fraternity, by Rev. Professor William M. Barbour, of the Theological Seminary, Bangor. Theme—"The eloquence of the pulpit, the eloquence of thought."

The Honorary Degree of LL. D. conferred on Hon. Thomas Drummond, of Chicago, Ill.; and Charles M. Cumston, of Boston, Mass. That of D. D. on Professor William McLeod Barber, of Bangor; Rev. William Warren, of Gorham; and Professor Charles Carroll Everett, of Cambridge, Mass.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF SOCIETY, organized in Yarmouth, June 22, 1870. (See Minutes, pp. 10, 17.) Officers: Hon. Seth May, Lewiston, *President;* Rev. Richard Woodbull, Bangor, *Vice-president;* Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, Searsport, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

Thanksgiving Day, State and National, Nov. 18, 1869.

Fast, April 14, 1870.

CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS.

Office and Reading Room of the AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL UNION, Rev. Ray Palmer, Secretary, No. 49 Bible House, Astor Place, New York City. Rev. C. Cushing, Secretary, No. 16 Tremont Temple, Boston. N. A. Calkins, Treasurer, No. 146 Grand Street, New York; Rev. Leonard Bacon, of New Haven, Conn., President; Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath, Vice-president, from Maine. Object,—"To aid feeble Congregational Churches in building houses of worship." Churches in Maine aided the past year,—Wilton, $500.00; especial, $750.00; total, $1250.00

Office of the AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION, No. 40 Winter Street, 3d floor, Boston. Edw. S. Tobey, Esq., of Boston, President; Rev. George E. Adams, of Brunswick, and Hon. William W. Thomas, of Portland, Vice-presidents, from Maine. Donations and deposits of books, etc., and donations of money, should be sent to the Corresponding Secretary and Librarian, Rev. I. P. Langworthy, 40 Winter Street, Boston. Object,—"A Congregational Library, such as is not in the world, and a suitable building to keep it in, and furnish a CONGREGATIONAL HOME.

Office of the CONGREGATIONAL PUBLISHING SOCIETY, No. 13 Cornhill, Boston. Hon. Charles T. Russell, of Cambridge, Mass., President; Rev. Enoch Pond, Vice-president, from Maine; Rev. A. Bullard, Sec. of S. S. Dept.; Dr. William Barrows, Sec. of Theo. and Gen. Publication Department; M. H. Sargent, Treasurer, Boston.

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS from all parts of the world,—New York City. September 22, to October 3, 1870. Programme of Topics and Speakers published in the Eclectic for August, 1870.

PILGRIM JUBILEE MEMORIAL YEAR.

This is the 250th year since the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers. By letters missive from the Church of the Pilgrimage at Plymouth, Mass., which includes the immediate lineal spiritual descendent of the church cradled at Scrooby, and nursed at Leyden, a delegate convention was held in New York, March 2, 1870, which resolved that there ought to be a religious commemoration of this year, and recommending, 1. A commemorative convention at Chicago, in connection with the regular Triennial Convention of the Congregational churches of the North-west, April 27, 1870. 2. Requesting every Congregational Pastor in the land to preach upon the Pilgrim Fathers, their influence, and our duty as their children, during the month of May. 3. Advising State and local commemorations. 4. A final commemorative service, Dec. 21, 1870, at Plymouth or Boston, with an address by Rev. R. S. Storrs, jr., D. D. 5. That arrangements be made to secure during the year from every Congregational church, and, if possible, *from every member of every church, congregation, and Sabbath school*, special free-will offerings, "to such institutions as embody, in a permanent form, the Pilgrim principles and polity."

Under this latter head, the convention specially emphasized (1) the payment of all debts due by local churches; (2) the further funding of our Congregational institutions of sacred learning; (3) the erection of the proposed Congregational House in Boston. For these and other objects to raise, during the year, a sum of not less than THREE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. Each donor to have the liberty to designate the direction which his gift shall take.

Rev. David Garland, of Bethel, Corresponding Secretary of the General Conference of the Congregational Churches of Maine, was present at the meeting in New York, March 2, as representative from the General Conference of this State. Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Searsport, and Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath, represented the

State Conference at the meeting in Chicago, April 27. There were also present at this meeting, Rev. R. B. Howard, of Farmington, as delegate for Franklin Conference, and Rev. Smith Baker, jr., of Orono, and John B. Foster of Bangor, from Penobscot Conference.

The JUBILEE MEMORIAL RECORD has been prepared by the committee to record the names of the Congregationalists of the country, by churches, congregations, Sabbath schools, and families, and at the same time furnish a fit subscription-book to preserve the donations of the year. It is designed for each church that pleases to do so, to supply itself with two copies; one to be filled out for its own archives, and one to be forwarded for permanent preservation in the Congregational Library in Boston.

It is priced as follows: two copies, 175 names, 75 cts.; 275 names, 90 cts.; 375 names, $1.05; 475 names, $1.20; 575 names, $1.35; 675 names, $1.50.

JUBILEE MEMORIAL MEDAL.—The executive committee were enjoined to devise measures "for interesting the children in the memory of the Pilgrims. They have accordingly caused to be struck a beautiful medal about the size and weight of a silver dollar, containing on its obverse, a group representing the landing of Dec. 21, 1620; and on its reverse, an open clasp Bible, with a dove hovering over it, and the legend,—"Whose faith follow." These are furnished in metal, heavily electro-silvered, or electro-gilt, for *one dollar* each.

They propose that every child in every Congregational Sabbath School in the land should procure one.

The money to be appropriated by vote of the Convention which appointed them.

Every Sabbath School ordering one hundred medals, will receive one in solid silver for the superintendent; every congregation in which five hundred shall be ordered, another in gold, for the pastor, in memorial of the year.

Rev. H. M. Dexter, No. 15, Corhill, Boston, Mass., is the Secretary of the Jubilee Executive Committee, to whom communications may be addressed for Circulars Record Books, Medals, and any information needed.

MINISTERS INSTALLED DURING THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1870.

Rev. Harrison Allen Shorey.	Elm street church, Camden..	Sept. 1, 1869.....	Minutes, page 51
Rev. John H. Gurney.....	Cong'l ch. Foxcroft & Dover.	Oct. 19, 1869.....	Minutes, page 47
Rev. Joseph Smith Cogswell.	Cong'l ch., Holden.....	Jan'y 6, 1870.....	Minutes, page 48

ORDAINED.

Rev. Henry H. Hutchinson..	Evangelist, Sumner.....	Aug. 30, 1869.....	Minutes, page 45
Rev. George Harris, jr.....	Pastor High st. ch., Auburn..	Oct. 6, 1869.....	Minutes, page 37
Rev. Henry B. Hart.....	Pastor 2d ch., Deer Isle.....	Dec. 21, 1869.....	Minutes, page 41
Rev. S. P. Newman Smyth...	Pastor 1st ch., Bangor.....	March 3, 1870.....	Minutes, page 46

DISMISSED.

Rev. Woodbury S. Kimball..	Cong'l ch., Dexter.....	July 8, 1869...	Minutes, 1869, page 52
Rev. H. Allen Shorey.....	Cong'l ch., E. Orrington.....	July 27, 1869...	Minutes, 1869, page 50
Rev. Benson M. Frink.....	Central ch., Portland.....	Aug. 18, 1869...	Minutes, 1870, page 37
Rev. Charles H. Emerson....	Cong'l ch. Springfield & Lee.	Oct. 6, 1869...	Minutes, 1870, page 39
Rev. Thomas E. Brastow.....	Cong'l ch. Jackson & Brooks.	Oct. 19, 1869...	Minutes, 1870, page 51
Rev. George A. Tewksbury..	West Cong'l ch., Portland...	March 2, 1870...	Minutes, 1870, page 37

RESIGNED, OR ASKED DISMISSION.

[illegible]. Abram Maxwell.....	Cong'l ch., Weld.....	Nov., 1869.....	Minutes, page 40
[illegible]. Frederic E. Sturgess....	Cong'l ch., Skowhegan.....	Nov., 1869...	Minutes, page 49
[illegible]. John J. Bulfinch.....	Second ch., New Castle.....	Jan'y, 1870.....	Minutes, page 48
[illegible] Balkam.....	Pine st. ch., Lewiston.....	April, 1870.....	Minutes, page 37

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS,

Organized in the following towns: Andover, Auburn, Augusta, Bangor, Bath, Biddeford, Brunswick, Dexter, Dover, Farmington, Freeport, Fryeburg, Gardiner, Gorham, Gray, Greene, Hallowell, Leeds, Lewiston, Mechanic Falls, Norway, Oxford, Portland, Richmond, Saccarappa, Saco, Skowhegan, Waterville, Weld, Winthrop, Wiscasset, Yarmouth.

To these, and to the churches, young people and others coming to reside where they exist, may be commended for acquaintance and fellowship.

The State Association met in Bangor, October 20, 21, 1869. Report in Bangor Lewiston, and Portland Dailies; Proceedings published in full, in pamphlet form 40 pps., 8vo, at office of Journal, Lewiston.

BIBLE SOCIETIES IN MAINE.

BIBLE SOCIETIES.	PLACE OF DEPOSITORY.	BY WHOM KEPT.
Aroostook County	Houlton	Charles P. Tenney.
Bangor Young Men's	Bangor	E. F. Duren.
Brunswick	Brunswick	Rev. George C. Crawford.
Bucksport, union	Bucksport	Edward Swasey.
Castine, &c., union	Castine	Samuel Adams.
Cumberland County	Portland	Bailey & Noyes.
Deer Isle	Deer Isle	H. R. Haskell.
Eastern Maine Association	Bluehill	Mrs. Thomas.
Franklin County	Farmington	Rev. John Allen.
Hancock and Union River	Ellsworth	J. W. Jones.
Kennebec County	Augusta	Edward Fenno.
Lewiston and Auburn	Lewiston	T. M. Varney.
Lincoln County	Warren	I. P. Starrett.
Oxford Conference	South Paris	O. C. Bolster.
Piscataquis County	Dover	Mrs. Crocker.
Saco	Saco	M. Lock.
Somerset County	Norridgewock	George Sawtelle.
Union Conference	Waterford	Rev. John A. Douglass.
Washington County	Dennysville	Rev. C. Whittier.
York County	Alfred	William G. Conant.

There are also Depositories in Gardiner, Biddeford, and Levant.

District Secretary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions,—Rev. WILLIAM WARREN, of Gorham.

Receiving Agents of the Board in Maine,—Bangor, E. F. Duren; Hallowell, Simon Page; Portland, E. S. Hoyt; Saco, S. L. Goodale.

Annual Meeting of the Board in Brooklyn, N. Y., October 4, 1870.

ADDENDA.

CLERKS OF CHURCHES RECEIVED SINCE THE PAGES WERE PRINTED.

CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE.—First Congregational Church, Scarboro', Dea. Geo. W. Libby.

WALDO CONFERENCE.—Jackson and Brooks, Nesmith McClure, Jackson.

UNION CONFERENCE.—Otisfield, Dea. Silas Morton, East Otisfield. South Bridgton, Dea. Henry E. Warren.

Dr Pond's ordination, March 1, 1815, not 1845, as on page 46.

CONSTITUTION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN MAINE.

REVISED JUNE 22, 1869.

ARTICLE 1. This Conference shall be called the GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF MAINE.

ART. 2. The General Conference shall consist of six delegates from each County Conference which has twenty or more churches,—three ministers and three laymen; and four delegates from each County Conference which has less than twenty churches,—two ministers and two laymen; and also of the officers, preachers, and committees for the time for which they were chosen, the delegates who the preceding year fulfilled their appointment, and the minister of the place where the Conference meets.

ART. 3. Both ministers and others present may, at the discretion of the Moderator, be invited to participate in the deliberations of this Body, though only members shall have the right to vote.

ART. 4. The presiding officer shall be a Moderator, chosen by ballot, to continue in office three years.

ART. 5. There shall be a Corresponding Secretary chosen by ballot, who shall hold his office for three years, whose duty it shall be to conduct the correspondence of the Conference, and also to collect information, and at each meeting exhibit a report of the state of religion within the limits of this Conference.

ART. 6. A Recording Secretary shall have charge of the Records of the Conference, who shall be elected by ballot, and hold his office for three years.

ART. 7. The object of the General Conference shall be to promote intercourse and harmony among the churches of the State, and to produce a more extensive co-öperation in every good work.

ART. 8. The several County Conferences shall retain their individual rights and privileges; and no ecclesiastical power or authority shall ever be assumed by the General Conference, or be delegated to it.

ART. 9. The Conference shall meet on the Tuesday preceding the fourth Wednesday of June, annually, at nine o'clock A. M., at the place at which the Maine Missionary Society shall hold their annual meeting.

ART. 10. The Annual Meeting of this Conference shall be opened with singing, reading the Scriptures, and prayer; and each subsequent session, whether for business or devotion, shall be opened with reading the Scriptures and prayer.

ART. 11. At each meeting of the Conference, a Committee of Arrangements, consisting of three, shall be appointed for the succeeding meeting, and the subjects to be brought before the Conference shall ordinarily be introduced through their hands, and with their approbation.

ART. 12. This Conference may interchange friendly correspondence with other religious bodies in the habit of such intercourse, and delegates from other bodies to this Conference shall be admitted as honorary members, to participate in the deliberations.

ART. 13. Any County Conference may withdraw from this connection, by assigning to the Recording Secretary their reasons in writing.

ART. 14. The funds of the Conference to be raised by a contribution at each annual meeting, after deducting the incidental expenses, shall be paid into the Treasury of the Maine Missionary Society.

ART. 15. The Lord's Supper shall be administered at the close of the public religious services, or at such other time as Conference may appoint.

ART. 16. The Conference shall establish its own by-laws and regulations, subject to alterations at their future meetings.

ART. 17. The Constitution of this Conference may be altered at an annual meeting of this Body, [redacted] of the members present.

Rules of the General Conference of the Congregational Churches in Maine.

Revised June, 1870.

1. At the appointed time for the assembling of the Conference, the Moderator shall take the chair and open the meeting, as provided in the Constitution;—or, in his absence, the Recording Secretary shall call the members to order, and to the choice of a Moderator, who shall then conduct the devotional exercises.

2. The certificates of delegates shall then be laid upon the table, and the names of members enrolled.

3. The Constitution and Rules of the Conference shall then be read.

4. Next shall follow the election of officers as provided by the Constitution, and the appointment of committees.

5. At each meeting of the Conference, a first and second preacher shall be appointed for the next meeting.

. The roll shall be called at the close of the first session, and at least once each day, subsequently, during the sitting of the Conference.

7. Every motion, on being seconded shall, if requested, be reduced to writing.

8. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, division of the question, termination of debate, to lay upon the table, or yeas and nays:—and these motions, except that for amendment, shall not be debated.

9. There shall be a Standing Committee of Nominations, consisting of six persons, so constituted that one-third of its members shall go out of office each year, and the precedence in vacating seats in this Board shall be in the order in which said committee is elected by this Conference. The committee shall elect a chairman, who shall keep a record of all appointments made by the Conference, in accordance with the annual report of the committee of nominations, and this committee shall have power to fill such vacancies as occur during the recess of the Conference.

10. The returns of the churches shall be made up to and include the first Sabbath in May, of each year,—and the publishing committee shall prepare blank schedules, and furnish them to the several Conferences for that purpose.

11. A committee of one from each County Conference shall be chosen annually to visit the Theological Seminary, Bangor. Such persons as have been selected by the several Conferences to represent them in said committee, shall first be reported. Vacancies to be filled by the nominating committee.

12. The Recording Secretary shall notify members appointed to services by the Conference, of such appointment, by letter, at the expense of Conference.

13. The printed Minutes of the Conference shall be the credentials of delegates to corresponding bodies. In case any delegate is unable, either by himself or his substitute, to attend in person, it shall be regarded as his duty to forward a written communication to the corresponding body for which he was appointed.

14. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to incorporate with the Minutes of Conference, a brief account of the meetings of the religious Societies, which hold their anniversaries in connection with the Conference.

15. A Publishing Committee, consisting of three, shall be annually appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes,—they shall issue the Minutes as soon as possible, and forward to each minister a copy by mail.

16. The Publishing Committee shall make known to the several County Conferences, the sum that may be needed to defray the expenses of publishing the Minutes of the Conference, or *whatever balance may be due*, after appropriating the annual collection at General Conference.

MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

SERMON AND REPORT.

SIXTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY.

1870.

SERMON.

JER. XII. 5.—IF THOU HAST RUN WITH THE FOOTMEN, AND THEY HAVE WEARIED THEE, THEN HOW CANST THOU CONTEND WITH HORSES? AND IF IN THE LAND OF PEACE, WHEREIN THOU TRUSTEDST, THEY WEARIED THEE, THEN HOW WILT THOU DO IN THE SWELLING OF JORDAN?

THE saying of a distinguished moralist is doubtless true: "To the precept, 'Do with thy might whatsoever thy hands find to do,' there is an *instinctive* loyalty in the human heart." The loyalty of *sentiment*, I think, possibly, oftener than of practice, yet speaking well for the nature.

Thus it is that the unregenerate so insist upon a positive, enthusiastic earnestness as proof of a Christian's honesty, and are not slow to declare their disgust for a religion not making one so. Their own practice may ill accord, but that is not proof that the feeling is not present and spontaneous; only that there are many specious inducements to *seem*, what, in reality, we are not; to feign and make a *show*, when we are conscious that it is only the phylacteried garment, the sanctimonious face, and the hollow formality we present.

Experience and observation have settled it beyond a cavil, that, however ready mankind are to accept a sham when presented by the men of the world; however greedy to bite a baitless hook when Satan throws it, they are not so won to Christianity. There must be something good, positive, enthusiastic; something in the deportment evidencing a *heart*-life, so vital that it cannot be repressed, and so pure as to image, in distinct and striking outline, the divine and heavenly.

Let the faithful preacher live as he preaches; let him be able to point to Christians as proofs of his doctrine; let him thus be able to exhibit a "logic on fire," shedding a light amid all the activities of the daily life, and melting into love those many *hard* things that so grind on human feeling, and the chief sources of ill-success will be [illegible]ing.

These *living* arguments; this acting, glowing logic, in the person of consistent disciples of the Great Master, will convince and win as no other can.

The text was uttered to the prophet Jeremiah, when complaining and disheartened at the persecutions and trials occasioned by the wickedness of certain ones who had conspired against his life. The object was to remind him of his duty as a preacher and prophet, to be hopeful, and so prepared for emergencies as they might come, though darker and more perplexing. *Such a man as he*, whose hope was in God; a man committed so thoroughly to the furtherance of the divine kingdom, ought neither to falter, nor even intimate a misgiving. His position, the nature of the cause he was enlisted for, should incite to courage, and a persistent activity.

Having heard his complaint, God appears to reply, admonishing him that he will experience sorer troubles.

If the present are so grievous, the coming will be overwhelming. The language is,—"If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how wilt thou contend with horses? and if in the land of peace, wherein thou trustedst, they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan?"

This suggests as a subject for the hour,—

A Religion of principle, as possessing characteristics adapting it to this time, and to all times.

That there is something thus real, never becoming stale or weak or ill-fitted for the world's exigencies, which many miss of and take up with something else; something alive and growing always, however unrecognized by the mere observer; something, too, which, though feeling adverse pressures, is never crushed by them; and which in theory, few among us disbelieve, our creed and covenant most palpably imply. But it is nevertheless true that there is much passing for religion, taken for samples by lookers-on, and trusted by the possessor, which is lamentably wanting these qualities.

It is proposed to discuss the subject by the help of contrasts. Glance at a few facts:

First. Weariness under ordinary pressures.

Is it not true that weariness is a chronic status whose influence does greatly diminish the force of the church? Many of the members, encountering but the common duties and trials of life, become tired and "*give out*," and thereafter are found doing almost nothing to promote personal heart-growth, or to benefit others. At first they were warm, active, and earnest, commendably self-denying. By some means their soul had been aroused; their moral energies fired, and, meteor-like, they blazed away in the line of Christian duty. At length they began to wane, and linger; and finally disappeared.

They had been somehow awakened to a new thought or purpose. There was a freshness about it; new associations were introduced by it; new hopes excited; and of zeal they became full. Their efforts, sometimes, were impetuous to build up the espoused cause. But by and by the story becomes old; the newness has gone; the associations grow stale; and thus, external incentives failing, their energies flag and they subside into comparative indifference. Everything was favorable for uniform and constant growth. There was enough to do, enough to enjoy, nothing to overwork, neither to surfeit. The church was in need of their efforts, and must suffer without them. Their prayers, their exhortations, the example of their devoted and consistent life, sinners were perishing for. Had they advanced as the true spirit of Christianity prompts, the course of their daily life might have been traced by the observer, as the eye of the traveller, from some favorable point notes the meanderings of the rivulet, imparting freshness and beauty wherever it winds. Now, however, their way you mark much as that of the stream commencing a little way up on the mountain slope, flowing rapidly into the plain to be swallowed up and lost in the sand.

They did "run well," but the sands of worldliness soon proved too hot and deep for them; and so their religion, with its influence, disappeared. The parched desert, for anything they are doing or are disposed to do, is unbroken and unblest. Of this class of members, by no means small, the church cannot expect much. Their religion has not the essential characteristics.

Short-lived under the most favoring circumstances, when there [illegible] hard pressures to crush it, no disturbing heresies to sap its

foundations, no extraordinary demands to tax its liberality, or consume its energies, it must be radically and fearfully wanting. Let troubles thicken and trials come, requiring the martyr-spirit, and what is it worth? To the church, nothing! To the world, as little! To the possessor, positively and directly, only as much! Worthless utterly, therefore, it is to the universe, except as a warning negation; just as the counterfeit coin, or bank-note, whose only beneficent mission is to make more conspicuous the value of the true. It will not support, nor stimulate, nor nerve to deeds of valor and achievement for the kingdom of God. Impossible is it to be the kind that hearts need, for comfort and safety; or lives, for the errand God sent them on. You may call it religion,—Christianity, if you please,—because, in its beginnings, it was identified with the genuine, and mistaken for that by both its possessor and others. You can tell where it has prevailed, just as you can tell a district sometime overrun by fire,—by the *bare poles* of character, and the quickups and other weeds of false doctrine, become common. At best, it is only a religion of *impulse*, and the possessor a Christian only while the impulse lasts. It is not of the kind essential for you and me; a mere rocket for light, followed by more apparent darkness; *never* answering the infinite purposes of the soul. Never so potential for anything as for sometime exciting disgust.

In the most striking contrast is a religion of *principle*. And with our impulsive natures, it is impossible to be too particular and exacting in respect to this. Planted by the grace of God and the hand divine, its root lies down deep in the heart, to be fed by truth, and nursed by soundest reason. It is not a thing of ephemeral life. The possessor will do a kind office; relieve the wants of the suffering; go down among the haunts of sin to lift up the fallen; take up the claims of the injured; oppose wrong; defend right; adhere to the divine, as "the higher law;" pit himself against every false doctrine; plead with, and pray for the perishing; and "stand up for Jesus" always; not merely, nor mainly, because he feels in just the mood for doing so; not chiefly, because his impulses at the time prompt him, but because it is right, in obedience to the divinity, both above and within him; to the law of God, as written out in

the "statute book of Revelation;" and to that innate sense of right implanted in his nature, now quickened by grace, and endowed with a sort of regal power. Such a religion will stand by. Its subject does not become weary under ordinary duties. The tree on which is to grow and be looked upon; and whence to be scattered, the fruit of blessing will steadily, and surely thrive—through a drought even; for its root is where it feels the moisture coming always from the living fountain. That man's religion will bear a pressure, because it is, in itself, a *law*. It will be triumphant when troubles thicken, and trials come, and burdens accumulate, because against these it is best fortified, and most aroused to deeds that are surely achieving. See how it operated in Paul, in John, in the other apostles, in the martyrs, and in Jesus! making its possessor humble, yet bold; kind, yet often severe; considerate of human nature and human conditions; charitable in view of the ignorance or educational prejudices of many; affectionate in his remonstrances and entreaties, yet plain and uncompromising in his representations and denouncements of sin. It has never changed its character, and never can change, because it is a *principle*. Its development may vary somewhat, as does the fruit of a given tree, from year to year, by reason of adverse contacts, or modifying influences more or less favorable.

Every tree is not equally productive; every apple is not equally perfect. No good and vigorous tree is loaded with ripe and luscious fruit at all seasons, to be plucked and enjoyed by the owner or passer-by; yet at those very seasons when stripped of fruit and foliage, and shivering under a wintry sky, to the casual observer seeming most nearly dead, even then the productive principle may be as positively and vigorously at work. So he who has this religion may not, at all times, present an equally perfect life, or all the fruits of holiness. These fruits are many,—"love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." Some of these in the particular Christian, at different periods, may appear withered, or but partially grown, from a lack of care for the root. Signs of decay may show in some, as in the apple stung by the curculio; or the worm of some lingering and besetting sin is at the core; and thus there be failure, in a given year, of the golden maturity. Or, even that which is not perfect and pleasing in the divine sight, may be uninviting,

and untoothsome to the perverted taste and the jaundiced eye of the human beholder.

So there are times when this principle, which is the root and the medium of support to a truly religious life, is positively and vigorously at work, though unobserved by human eyes. Still, like the forces of nature, its *tendency* is toward development.

As the brooks and rivers God made to drain and water the face of the earth, and which love to play and wind where they can be kissed by the sunlight, and fanned by the winds; or, as the moisture diffused through the soil, which seeks vent and evaporation upward, at the surface, so the tendency of this religion is not to hide in dark recesses, or around unpractical centers, but rather, to come up to the light, where it is seen in the windings of an unobtrusive charity; or the broader and more conspicuous channels of justice and benevolence; or in the beauty and blessing it scatters all over the face of society.

Now what a contrast between this and the other. The heart having it is warm and vigorous in its pulsations when the multitudes are awake. It is steady and earnest, equally, when the popular hosannas have subsided, and many an interest is waning. The owner of that heart can be relied on for maintaining the ordinances of the gospel, for the sabbath school, the prayer-meeting, and all those incidental matters, which, in revivals, *every one deems important.* He is a living, and, therefore, practical *force* in the church. His religion compels him to be. It is, in itself, a vitality. Originating in a fixed and settled principle of right and of love, the nursing of special and extra influences it does not require; neither the blowing of excitement to keep it alive. These, indeed, may stir and develop a little more manifestly. But it can glow and increase, as well in the closet as in the crowd. It can shine as brightly, perhaps, to as much purpose where only the prattling child receives the molding of maternal influence, as in more public walks. It can root unseen, and grow firm, consistent, and glorious, in unobtrusive duties, where the heart-warmth of the Great Master is *surely* felt. The possessor has *feeling;* but his *right* action does not depend so much upon that, as upon an abiding *purpose.*

I once spoke with a church member who had been prompt and exact in the various Christian duties, but had become delinquent.

The topic introduced was the obligation of social and secret prayer; endeavoring to win him back to the employments he once thought he loved. He admitted his delinquency; but added, "I pray when I *feel* to pray," and remarked, as if to soothe his conscience, and stop all further expostulation, and send me off to some more *inconsistent sinner*, "you, sir, I suppose, would not have one perform the mockery of prayer when he has no heart in it?" Just as if he must wait until impelled by his feelings before asking for the divine benediction! or as if it were possible to be a Christian, and have no heart to acknowledge his daily dependence, or seek the good which only God can bestow! No! no! that religion, so ebbing out of the soul when the first impulse is over, or when some exciting external causes are absent, leaving the flats of depravity to bake under excessive worldliness, or be overrun by the baneful night-plants of error, is not the true. It lacks the divine element. Even its periodic presence is too contingent to invest it with a *plausible* value.

There are, indeed, those who, it is hoped, will reach heaven, because Jesus has undertaken to save them; and they have been regenerated; yet, by natural constitution, they are always irregular. In everything, matters of the world as well as religion, they are controlled by impulse; acting as they feel at the time.

Like a certain kind of tide-mill that is arranged for only one current, when the tide is out they are "high and dry," competent for nothing until another flow. Or, like the wind-mill, there are some who do the Christian's work only when the breath of the Spirit upon them is strong and irresistible. These are unfortunate beings; constitutionally to be pitied. To be hoped for, but not patterned. To be prayed for and sympathized with, but not relied upon for work or influence. Their religion may be that of principle, but their constitutional disabilities or temperaments are so varied or great, that the law, or ruling purpose, is often smothered or suppressed. But there is no such apology for the masses. There ought to be the steady flow,—there may be,—the prevailing constancy; the distinguishing and commending uniformity. If the true religion be theirs, the daily Christian duties, the place of social prayer, the house of God, the outlying fields for Christian work will not be neglected simply because there is not impulse or feeling enough to overcome some physi-

cal depression or spiritual stupor. The VITAL FORCE of that principle will prompt and impel them to the duty. This does not tire. The "footmen" do not weary it. In the land of peace it does not become languid. And so when the times press new duties, and accumulate new responsibilities, its possessor is equal to his task. Let him be called to contend with horses; let the race in which he must engage become unequal; his feet will be found swift to run in the way of the divine testimonies. The swelling of Jordan will neither submerge nor dismay him. With a strong arm and a hopeful heart he will buffet its billows; or, taking the rod of God in the hand of his faith, he will pass through the parted waters unhurt. In other words, through the tide of persecution, or waves of sorrow, he will be prepared to go, and sustained in going. Let calamities come, and the hand of the enemy be laid heavily on him, and he seem, for the moment, crushed and overcome; yet by the very *elasticness* of this principle he will arise, assume his rightful position, and appear more comely and blessed than ever.

This religion of principle is like the air. You may incarcerate, or enclose it for a time; you may compress it so that it shall appear greatly reduced, but when the pressure is off it resumes its proportions; or, the instant the pressure is too severe, it bursts its prison, and bounds forth with a greater influence. It is an agent earth-wide in its ambitions, heaven-high in its aspirations, born of the Spirit, and destined for a crown of glory, whatever weights, or conflicts, or hand of tyranny shall interpose or restrain. It is akin to Jesus, has the fellowship of Jesus, and surely brings into joint-heirship with Jesus. By whatever figure you illustrate it, you find it self-developing and potential.

It is hardly essential to say that this is the religion needed for the present age. It is needful for any, and especially for this. So it seems to us who live in it, and witness "the progressions." The recklessness of sin, the unblushing pretensions of unbelief, the godlessness of science, so called, as well as the achievements of truth, and the amazing developments, and application, and further promisings of a genuine science, demand a religion that is a force, vital and on-moving; broad, fundamental, all-permeating, and electrifying.

That which is *fossil* will not do, but that which is alive; not simply *up* to the times, but which so vitalizes its possessor as to make him *lead* the times; and so lead them within the light of revealed truth, and in the footsteps of Christ's example, as to hold them in control.

It may not be true, just now, that there is any great and marked crisis imposing its claims upon the church. And yet, one can hardly look back a decade, and then take a present glance at Church and State; at civil polity and social practice; at the theories of science, and the assumptions of philosophy; at the inauguration of movements to drive the Bible from our schools, and the system of free education from the people, without feeling that a crisis is somewhere near us; or that, having passed *one*, we are already beginning to be involved in a *cluster* of them. Be this as it may, they have always been occurring at different periods of the world, and God has depended on his church to meet them. Sometimes she has failed, and then he has raised up special agents; reorganized her, changed some of the local depositories of truth, and pushed on his purpose toward accomplishment.

Whatever view of crises we may take, one thing is sure,—there is a great problem working out. It is, whether right shall prevail instead of wrong; holiness, instead of sin. Providence and grace are both at the figures. A divine scheme is introduced, to overcome or "set to rights" the forces that now distract and destroy mankind. Providence and grace are both in the field. To roll up the day of triumph, and the year of the world's predicted jubilee, both are laboring mightily at the wheel. It may have been so always; but what of it? Admitted; Is there, therefore, any less need now of forces, combined and marshaled; unflinching and consecrated? Conscious, too, like the rallying and advancing Highlanders of historic renown, that they are pushing on the cause of truth under the eye of their bleeding chief, who "is watching to see them do their duty," and inspired by the realization.

Standing on one of Zion's watch-towers and observing, I think I am not mistaken. The past I would not ignore. The PRESENT I live in; and the future I am to work for, and watch for. I can realize the evils and demands of to-day, as I cannot those that have been

fought and grappled with, and choked or slain. A new set, altogether, may not have appeared, nor new combinations. If they are old ones reanimated and reclothed, to *us* who live *to-day*, they may seem to have a more real and formidable presence. Or, having passed some chrysaline period, they may assume a more active and illusory existence than was their wont. Still I am sure, as I look, that there never was a time when the demands upon the church were more imperative than now.

The long, heavy "ground swell" that comes in, surging up with its foam and debris upon the strand after the storm that almost wrecked our "ship of State," and threatened truth and freedom with a hopeless grave, will yet try her strongest timbers; and, if we mind not well, open such seams in her sides that she will fill and go down. God and the church, favoring and working, are as essential to her safety and success now as in what seemed the stormiest and darkest night.

The condition of the temperance reform,—the difficulties inherent, and the difficulties created by the mistakes and sophisms of some of its friends superadded, impose a weight of responsibility hard to meet. Wise heads, brave and loving hearts; a good, sound, and stiff *backbone*, that no force can bend in the wrong direction, and none hinder its movements in the right,—these were never more essential than in this present year of grace. The marrow, zeal, light,—these, nothing but a Christlike faith and life can give.

What Rome shall do, and may ere long necessitate, we may not predict. Whether the battery she is now preparing at the Vatican to electrify and vitalize anew all the agents reached by her wires, when discharged the coming week, shall result only like that of the electrician experimenting with his loose-jointed "thunder-house," it were impossible to divine. Possibly the infallible fulmen may do less damage than we hope. She doubtless has a part yet to act. What her tyranny and blood-thirstiness are, the past will tell. What her present facilities for prosecuting her ends, it were easy to see by a glance at the world. All of her unscrupulous and dangerous arts it were impossible to discover and enumerate.

If you think of the incoming thousands and scores of thousands borne to our shores, and scattering in all the land, to be incorporated into all our relations, from every country and clime, bringing a corrupted religion or no religion, or the blankest atheism, and the grossest idolatry; some with the culture afforded by education, and the refinements of art; some gross, sensual, and devilish; some stolid and arrogant with the civilization of three thousand years; and others too ignorant, and willing to be priest-ridden, to do but as told by their leaders,—these add to the prospect of work, and the need of Christian activity and self-denial.

Then I have thought of those wires reaching from country to country the world over, and along which messages fly, disturbing the dreams of the Peris in their passage. What facilities they afford for the influx of error, as well as of truth; for every form of skepticism and false doctrine, in germ and principle, if not in development, that like seeds of thistle-down, grown indeed in most tangled and thickest mass by the reproduction of long ages, to be scattered and grown again, in every valley, and on every hill-side of our American Zion.

The iron bands that bind our Atlantic and Pacific shores, the like of which are by and by to clasp every town and hamlet from sea to sea, and from the Gulf to the frozen North, are not without their agency for evil as well as good.

Steam and electricity are changing the old modes of business, and pleasure has taken to itself new excesses. Our Christianity must confront and take hold of these circumstances. It must be neither outdone nor outrun. It is thoroughly competent to engage "the world, the flesh, and the devil," if only it be what the Master designed, acting through most loving hearts and ready hands. Its light must shine; its love glow; its purse-strings be unloosed; its arms long to every wanting, perishing one.

While it shall insist on the old way, of repentance, faith, and a loving, obedient life, and allow of no *new route* to the celestial city; neither the *tunneling* of the Hill Difficulty; and so be a most careful conservator of the revealed and divine, *intensely alive and in earnest* should it be, to counteract or smite down every baneful influence; availing itself, meanwhile, of every facility in turning to the advan-

tage of truth, and the glory of Christ, all instrumentalities of power, for society and the common weal. But chiefly and always it should be most prompt to seize sinners from "the burning;" going everywhere, and especially among the destitute, with its cup of cold water, and its full treasury of spiritual blessings.

I have been at a loss sometimes to understand just how, as ministers and churches of Christ, we are to meet successfully that particular form of infidelity which seems to be bringing up and drilling its forces for desperate action. If it would meet Christianity in the open field, there would be less to perplex, and less to dread. If it would go to the people showing its true colors and its cloven foot, fewer would be deceived and captured. But this sort of guerilla warfare practised; attacking from quarters whence an enemy is least suspected; sometimes approaching you as an angel of light, and taking the lead in this or that grand reform; sometimes, under pretence of scientific investigation, endeavoring to accumulate an atmosphere of doubt around the Bible; then weaving a web of specious argument about its fatal arrow; anon, captivating its victims with the fringes and flowers of its rhetoric; and again stepping squarely out and arraying science and philosophy against Scripture, magnifying the apparent conflict. At one time frittering away both the Deity and perfect manhood of Jesus; then, with *awfully liberal cant*, calling him "the dear Jesus," and telling you "if you will just take and read the Bible, letting your reason be the arbiter of what you are to receive, and what reject, it is *good*,—really divine;" and then, that "it is too narrow and sectarian for your *creed*, shutting you within the walls of a sect, and hindering a broad, free, and symmetrical Christian development," while its great central object, "Jesus," is too imperfect for a model, as he was too weak for a Saviour. In view of such facts I ask myself, and I ask you, what is to be done?

It is only a little while ago that a man, eminent in science (Prof. Huxley, in England), set up an altar to the "UNKNOWN AND UNKNOWABLE," lecturing to immense assemblies of the working classes in London. His new gospel preaches, what? Justification by faith? No; but "by verification; Skepticism is the highest duty; trusting faith, the unpardonable sin. Religion is silent worship at the altar of

the unknown and unknowable God." Well does some one exclaim, "And is such the message which this man of science is authorized to bring to sweeten the toil of the weary and heavy laden ?

> "O Star of Science, hast thou wandered there,
> To waft us back the message of despair!"

How different the words of Jesus to the working-men of eighteen hundred years ago! What new hope and life they kindle in the weary and worn of all lands, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden."

This new religion will come here. The sea is no barrier. It has been here ever since the day it was promulged in that London assembly. The telegraph brought it. The newspapers print it. Books elaborate it. Men and women advocate and disseminate it. We, in Maine, must so preach, and live, and diffuse, as to reveal and commend something better.

I am neither discouraged nor disheartened. You are not. There is ground for hope. There are conditions for the best of courage. For is it not true that we have just the essential thing for the times; and the wastes we are to act in, and bless and make happy, if our religion is of the quality our discourse has defined? If *vitalized* enough from above, can we not go forth strong in the faith that another year shall be more prolific of growth in our churches, and in the fruitage of souls for the harvest divine; while many an error shall be weeded from the field of our work, and many a blade of truth made to spring from seed immortal?

It is a fact, friends, that if ever there was a time for strong, stalwart Christians, that time is not past. The demand is, and will be becoming every year and day still more imperative, because, as the time of Immanuel's triumph approaches, the lines between truth and error will be more distinctly drawn, and the forces more distinctly arrayed. Wrong will clamor harder as it is pressed closer by right. Sin will cry louder, and Satan fight "lustier." The gins of deceit will lie thicker that so the Christian may fall an easier prey.

The day is past, if ever such a day were possible, when spiritual starvelings, and feeble-minded temporizers can be useful in the church of Christ. None but characters having much of gospel integrity and consistency will do; characters having Christ in them; his sincere

devotion to right; his love of truth; his regard for the immortal in man; his consecration to his missionary work; and his martyr spirit. In the light of many of our quiet and orderly church-going communities, this might seem an unwarranted exaggeration; in other light, it but tamely portrays the reality.

What have we to say, brethren? Are we of the number not only *not* wearied and giving out under the ordinary pressures of Christian duty, but prepared for the efforts and struggles now demanding by a pure and self-sacrificing Christianity? Is it a settled principle with us to do our plain and palpable duty, having less respect to our momentary impulses than our conviction of right? If not, then we are poorly prepared for life. We shall fail in "the race." We shall come short in our appointed mission. We shall be overwhelmed in the swelling of Jordan.

Let me entreat you all to look well to this. Let your religion be that of principle, and not of impulse; that having inherent a life and a power; then God will help you to achieve a glorious work, and Himself place on your head a fadeless crown. No other is worthy the name you bear; the love you celebrate; the coöperating work to which you are called, and most solemnly bound.

This, let me say, friends, who make no profession of Christian faith, is worth your seeking and adopting to-day; may be failed of if postponed a day, or an hour.

We ask you not to be rash, nor impulsive; but rational, and hear to your conscience and to God; so *turning* from your sins, unto the service and fellowship of Jesus. Begin now, as *dying*, yet immortal beings.

You will soon need this religion, having this vital, elastic element, more than I can tell you; more than everything else. You need it to-day; you will need it to-morrow; you will need it the day following; in the ordinary walks and experiences of life; in its trials, its sorrows, its joys; when you speak or act for the world, or the weal of yourselves and neighbors. You will need it in every possible *life*-hour; in the *death*-hour; and in the eternity to which time is bearing you. Seek it now. Possess it now, while the seeking and the finding are possible.

THE SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

PRESENTED BY THE TRUSTEES AT THE

Annual Meeting, held at the First Church in Yarmouth,

June 22, 1870.

SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING.

THE MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY held its sixty-third anniversary in the First Church in Yarmouth, June 22d, 1870.

At 9 o'clock, A. M., the meeting was opened with devotional exercises, conducted by the President, Rev. George E. Adams.

The annual sermon was preached by the Rev. J. K. Mason. Text, Jeremiah 12: 5.

The Treasurer's report was read by the President.

This report was accepted and adopted. The Rev. J. O. Fiske moved a vote of thanks to the Treasurer, for his valuable services *gratuitously* bestowed. These services render him the most liberal annual contributor to the Society in the State, and are highly and gratefully appreciated.

The report of the Trustees was read by the Secretary; and was accepted and adopted.

The President then read the following series of resolutions, which were adopted; and followed by sundry short speeches from Rev. Messrs. E. F. Borchers, P. B. Thayer, Jotham Sewall, S. P. Fay, C. H. Gates, and J. Cameron.

1. *Resolved*, That our thanks are due to our Heavenly Father, for putting it into the hearts of so many, from time to time, to devise liberal things in their wills for the aid of our Society in its beneficent work, so that the good cause, which they loved and aided in their lives, may be still sustained by their means after they are dead.

2. *Resolved*, That the officers of the Society be requested to scrutinize closely the claims of any churches, if possibly there be such among those hitherto aided by us, whose continued existence as missionary churches, for various reasons may seem hardly expedient,—yet by no means to drop from their list any church, however feeble and depressed, and how small soever its promise of rapid growth, which they have reason to believe the Lord Jesus would have us sustain.

3. *Resolved*, That there are, probably, those among our mission churches which should very soon, if not even now, consider themselves as having attained to "full age," dispensing with further missionary aid, and so enabling the Society to do more "in the regions beyond."

4. *Resolved*, That the Secretary and Trustees be urged to inquire whether there are not many places in our largely extended territory in which churches of our order have never existed, and in which such churches might be and should be established.

5. *Resolved*, That we earnestly enjoin upon all Christian people connected with [illegible] to offer fervent prayer continually to the great Head of the church, that

he will raise up a great number of able, devoted, self-sacrificing men for the ministry of the word in the "waste places" of our State.

6. *Resolved*, That the period when the work of the Maine Missionary Society in this State will be fully accomplished, is not very near. For a long time to come there will be feeble churches and "waste places;" for a long time, therefore, opportunity to serve ourselves by serving Christ in the spread of his gospel, and to bless ourselves by blessing others. But whether longer or shorter, it is our duty and privilege to do diligently our utmost to hasten the day when along all our rivers, and in all our valleys, and on all our mountains, on the seaboard and in the interior, all shall know the Lord, from the least even unto the greatest.

There was passed a vote of thanks to the Rev. Mr. Mason for his sermon delivered this day, and a copy requested for the press.

The Rev George E. Adams, having served the Society to great acceptableness as its President for nine years—presiding at its annual meetings with great urbanity and vivacity—declined a reëlection; as, much to the regret of his brethren, he proposes leaving the State.

The following officers were then chosen.

PRESIDENT.

Rev. SAMUEL HARRIS.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

Rev. JOHN O. FISKE.

CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY.

Rev. STEPHEN THURSTON.

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Rev. WOOSTER PARKER,
SAMUEL ADAMS, Esq.,
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Rev. HENRY F. HARDING,
Rev. PETER B. THAYER.

AUDITORS.

Dea. THOMAS R. HAYES, Mr. GEORGE F. THURSTON.

The next annual meeting is to be held in the Winter street Church, Bath, the 4th Wednesday in June, 1871, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Rev. ALBERT COLE, first preacher; and Rev. JOSEPH SMITH, second preacher.

STEPHEN THURSTON, *Recording Secretary.*

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

IN ITS REVISED FORM,

AS ADOPTED JUNE 23, 1852.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ART. II. The object of this Society is to extend the knowledge of God our Saviour, and to send the glorious gospel to those that are destitute of the public and stated means of religious instruction.

ART. III. This Society believe, and will endeavor to propagate, those doctrines which are called the doctrines of grace, and were the peculiar doctrines of the Reformation, and which are comprehended in the Westminster Assembly's Shorter Catechism.

ART. IV. This Society shall be auxiliary to the American Home Missionary Society, on the conditions of the seventh and eighth articles of the Constitution, with the name and under the charter of the Maine Missionary Society.

ART. V. The payment of two dollars annually into the treasury of the Society shall constitute a member of the Society; and the payment of not less than twenty dollars shall constitute a member for life.

ART. VI. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-president, Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and eleven Trustees, including the President, who shall be chosen at the annual meeting by ballot. The President shall be *ex officio* a member of the Board of Trustees, five of whom shall constitute a quorum. The officers shall all continue in office until others are elected.

ART. VII. The President shall preside in the meetings of the Society, and of the Trustees, and call special meetings of the Board whenever requested by three of its members.

The Secretary shall take charge of the books and correspondence of the Society, and record the records of its proceedings at each annual meeting.

The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds and property belonging to the Society, and shall present annually a full and accurate account of all receipts and disbursements. He shall also give sufficient security to the Secretary of the Society for the faithful discharge of his trust, before he enters upon the duties of his office.

The Trustees shall meet semi-annually; at the time and place of the annual meeting of the Society, and at such other time and place as they may direct. They may adjourn or hold special meetings, as they think proper. They shall examine, employ, and direct all missionaries, and determine the place of their location. They shall also manage and dispose of the property of the Society, and have a general superintendence over all its business. At the annual meeting they shall exhibit to the Society a particular statement of all their proceedings, and of the labors and success of their missionaries.

ART. VIII. The Society shall meet annually on the 4th Wednesday of June, at such place as they may appoint. At such annual meeting a sermon shall be preached, and a collection taken up. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

ART. IX. The Constitution may be altered or amended, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting; but no such alteration or amendment shall be made unless a motion expressing the same, in writing, shall have been made at a previous meeting of the Society, one year before it is acted upon.

ART. X. The missionaries employed by this Society shall endeavor faithfully to promote the great interests of religion by all the means in their power, and shall make returns of their transactions to the Trustees.

ART. XI. The funds of the Society shall be raised from the annuities and life-memberships of members, and from the voluntary donations and bequests of the charitably disposed. This Society will cordially unite with any other Societies established for the promotion of Christian knowledge, who may be disposed to coöperate with them in their designs.

SIXTY-THIRD REPORT.

Brethren and friends of the Maine Missionary Society, we meet to recount the dealings of God with this institution another year. With devout gratitude be it acknowledged, that the lives of the Trustees and Missionaries of the Society have been preserved. Some of its patrons have, however, been called to the church above; among them the Hon. George F. Patten, of Bath, long its Vice-president. He loved the Society while living, and did not forget it in dying. After having been for years, perhaps, its most liberal patron, he left a portion of his substance for its use after his decease. His works do follow him. Thus friend after friend departs, reminding us that our time of labor will soon be past, and that what we do we must do quickly.

TABULAR VIEW.

The following table gives a statistical view of Missionary operations of the past year.

For the sake of securing full returns, blank circulars were sent to all the missionaries, with the request that they should be filled and returned by the first of June.

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nd Missionaries.	Date of Commission.	Length.	Appropriation.	Mos. of Labor.	Average Congregation.	Conversions.	ADDITIONS. Profes'n.	ADDITIONS. Letter.	Total Number.	Prayer-meeting	Sab. School.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Me. Mis. Society.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Other objects.
			$									$	$
m. S. Thompson.	July 1, 1869	12	150	12	70	3	..	4	55	12	80	13 00	7 00
L. Gould.....	July 1, 1869	12	300	12	120	1	..	..	48	40	90	32 00	
T and AURORA, S. Loring.....	July 1, 1869	12	200	12	90	1	..	..	25	15	90	36 00	40 00
R, Loring.....	July 1, 1869	12	125	5	125	..	..	..	48	20	100	34 57	28 50
. H. Ayers.....	June 1, 1870	1	32	1									
ES,	.....	...	....	...	150	16	16	3	40	20	80	13 00	
SOLON,	.....	...	....	...	60	..	..	..	14	18	40		
ANSON,	.....	...	....	...	120	..	4	..	73	15	75		
MADISON,	.....	...	....	...	100	..	..	..	13	25	75		
. R. Plumer.....	July 1, 1869	12	200	12									
SN,	.....	...	....	...	90	1	..	1	28	..	60	81 25	
ON,	.....	...	....	...	100	..	1	..	6	..	..	20 00	
m. F. Brown....	July 15, 1869	3	96	2½									
ORD, 1st, udwig Wolfson..	Mar. 1, 1870	4	50	3	100	..	..	..	76	50	60		
. S. Spaulding...	May 1, 1870	2	72	2	90	..	..	..	30	16	45		
and JACKSON, rastow.....	July 1, 1869	3	88	3	135	..	..	..	66	20	90	11 65	
CENTER, oseph Smith.....	July 1, 1869	12	150	12	90	..	3	1	60	..	65	20 00	13 00
ES, . B. Jordan.....	June 1, 1870	1	32	1									
. H. Adams.....	June 15, 1870	½	16	½									
FIELD, . B. Tyler.....	June 1, 1870	1	32	1	100	..	..	..	14	12			
. Cole.....	July 1, 1869	12	100	12	90	1	14	..	66	16	60	.....	35 00
ames Wells.....	July 1, 1869	12	200	12	80	..	..	..	58	20	75	52 57	80 00
K, L. Gordon.....	Aug. 1, 1869	2	64	2	110	..	..	..	30	50	..	21 00	
m. Forsyth.....	Aug. 1, 1869	11	152	11	90	3	2	3	28	50	55		
M, V. H. Ayers.....	July 1, 1869	2½	32	2½	85	..	..	..	40	10	60		
. A. Johnson.....	May 14, 1870	1½	56	1½									
RT, hos. E. Babb.....	July 1, 1869	12	200	12	130	3	6	1	76	25	60	30 00	40 00
MB, . Loring.....	July 1, 1869	12	150	12	100	..	6	2	77	..	95	51 50	57 80
ORT, . H. Wright.....	July 1, 1869	3½	21½	3½	60	..	..	..	12	..	50	8 00	
AIRFIELD, . U. Johnson.....	Aug. 1, 1869	3	96	3									
M, V. H. Beard.....	July 1, 1869	4	83	4									
. A. Young.....	May 18, 1870	1½	48	1½	....	..	..	..	24				
RD, . B. Thayer.....	July 1, 1869	12	150	12	120	1	..	..	98	25	100	50 00	100 50
D,	.....	...	....	...	150	..	10	1	34	31	45	2 00	
URNE, hos. M. May.....	.....	...	....	...	75	..	2	..	15	15	20		
	Aug. 1, 1869	2	64	2									
. Bean.....	July 1, 1869	12	125	12	130	1	1	2	72	15	75	17 00	45 00
ILLE, . W. Barber *....	Aug. 1, 1869	12	400	7½									
s. Cameron.....	Mar. 1, 1870	4	133	4	108	6	2	20	22	18	40	.....	20 00

*Mr. Barber preached also in destitute regions of the lake.

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			$									$	$
28—HAMPDEN, Rev. S. L. Bowler.....	July 1, 1869	12	200	12	150	3	3	..	93	30	120	50 00	65
29—HARRISON, Rev. E. F. Borchers.....	July 1, 1869	12	100	12	100	..	4	1	49	30	55	8 00	
30—HOULTON, Rev. E. R. Osgood.....	July 1, 1869	12	500	12	55	1	..	..	24	12	91	20 00	
31—INDUSTRY, Rev. S. Titcomb.....	July 12, 1869	12	100	12	50	..	..	..	41	35	130	7 00	
32—ISLE AU HAUT, Rev. J. P. Hallowell....	Dec. 1, 1869	5	65	5	60	..	..	1	13	40	30	3 50	10
33—KENDUSKEAG, Rev. E. G. Smith.....	Sep. 12, 1869	12	500	9½	115	1	2	3	50	30	70	14 50	
34—KENNEBUNKPORT, Rev. T. N. Lord.....	July 1, 1869	12	150	12	75	2	..	..	59	..	50	30 00	
35—KITTERY, Rev. S. S. Drake.....	July 1, 1869	12	200	12	78	..	..	..	25	..	50	12 00	
36—LIMINGTON, Rev. S. W. Pearson.....	July 12, 1869	12	100	12	125	..	1	..	89	15	80	25 10	17
37—LINCOLN, Rev. J. K. Deering.....	Aug. 1, 1869	12	500	3									
Rev. A. J. McLeod.....	.....	5	147	5	132	..	..	..	10	..	75	1 00	
38—LITCHFIELD, Rev. J. S. Howes.....	July 1, 1869	12	150	12	100	..	..	..	65	25	70	18 00	52
39—LOVELL, Rev. C. Morgridge.....	July 1, 1869	6	63	6	140	3	1	..	129	35	75	12 85	30
40—MADISON, Rev. T. G. Mitchell.....	July 1, 1869	12	125	12	75	..	6	..	81	15	60	20 00	6
41—MEDWAY, Rev. J. T. Rea.....	Aug. 1, 1869	5½	192	5½	90	20	No ch.		..	75	92		
42—MERCER, Rev. A. J. McLeod.....	.....	3½	56	3½	200	..	..	..	34				
43—MT. DESERT, Rev. B. F. Leavitt.....	Aug. 1, 1869	2	64	2	100	4	..	..	..	..	..	64 00	
Rev. James Dingwell...	Nov. 20, 1869	2	64	2	....	4	..	..	20	15	50	64 00	
44—NEW VINEYARD,	.....	...	....	...	65	..	..	..	22	25	70	.....	8
NORTH BELFAST,	.....	..	....	...	160	1							
Rev. M. C. True.....	Aug. 1, 1869	½	112	3½									
Rev. Thos. F. Chambers	June 1, 1870		32	1									
45—N. DEER ISLE, Rev. H. B. Hart.....	July 1, 1869	12	200	12	100	..	..	3	44	40	45	12 00	
46—N. WATERFORD, Rev. J. W. H. Baker....	July 1, 1869	12	150	12	150	25	13	..	80	20	100	12 50	47
47—N. VASSALBORO', Rev. J. Dinsmore.....	July 1, 1869	12½	75	12½	80	1	2	..	17	10	115	12 00	15
48—NORWAY, 1st,	.....	...	....	...	80								
NORWAY, 2d,	.....	...	....	...	200	15	4	1	125	30	225	11 00	60
Rev. T. T. Merry.....	July 1, 1869	21	200	12									
49—OXFORD, Rev. G. A. Lockwood..	May 28, 1870	1½	40	1½	100	..	..	..	20	..	60		
50—PATTEN,	.....	...	....	...	90	..	1	..	59	10	65		
ISLAND FALLS,	.....	...	....	...	42	..	..	..	20	..	32		
Rev. J. G. Leavitt.....	Aug. 8, 1869	12	400	10½									
51—PERRY, A. J. McLeod.....	Aug. 1, 1869	3	96	3	175	..	..	..	54	..	..	7 50	
52—PRESQUE ISLE,	.....	...	....	...	65	..	16	10	50	4	10	3 50	
FORT FAIRFIELD,	.....	...	....	...	75	..	27	..	75				
CARIBOO,	.....	...	....	...	75	..	10	..	75	..	75		
Rev. F. D. Austin.....	July 1, 1869	12	400	12									
53—PRINCETON, Rev. G. B. Buzelle.....	July 1, 1869	12	200	4	125	..	..	..	25	..	122		
54—ROBBINSTON, Rev. G. W. Kelley.....	Sept. 1, 1870	12	500	10	....	..	..	..	99	..	..	17 00	
55—RUMFORD,	.....	...	....	...	85	..	..	..	30	..	50	10 00	
DIXFIELD,	.....	...	....	...	56	..	..	..	19	..	50	10 50	
Rev. John Elliot.....	July 1, 1869	12	175	12									
56—ST. ALBANS,	.....	...	....	...	64	..	..	..	22	9	85	12 00	10
PLYMOUTH,	.....	...	....	...	40	..	..	..	10	..	75	5 60	9
Rev. W. S. Sewall.....	July 1, 1869	12	200	12									
57—SANFORD, Rev. J. Richards.....	July 1, 1869	12	150	5									
Rev. W. V. Jordan.....	April 1, 1870	3	96	3									

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58—SEDGWICK & BROOKS'LE.													
Rev. E. S. Tingley.....	Aug. 1, 1869	3	96	3	105	17	5	..	35	75	110	106 00	
Rev. Geo. Dodson.....	June 8, 1870	¾	24	¼									
59—SHERMAN,													
Rev. W. T. Sleeper.....	July 1, 1869	12	100	12	125	12	..	..	64	100	100	6 35	5 00
Rev. Vincent Moses.....	June 15, 1870	½	16	½									
60—SOLON, BINGHAM,		.....	....	...	140								
Rev. W. H. Rand.....	Oct. 1, 1869	12	500	8	140	..	..	..	12	..	216	57 00	
61—SOUTH SANFORD,									60				
Rev. J. Bragdon.....	Aug. 1, 1869	3	96	3	100	..	..	..	34	45	65	20 00	
62—STANDISH,													
Rev. S. Hopkins.....	July 1, 1869	12	150	12	65	..	..	..	29	14	47	22 75	14 50
63—STOWE and CHATHAM,													
Rev. E. B. Pike.....	July 1, 1869	12	150	12	75	15	12	..	49	20	80	6 00	29 00
64—STRONG,													
Rev. J. L. Pratt.....	July 1, 1869	12	150	12	110	2	2	2	105	8	125	22 00	75 00
65—SUMNER,													
Rev. H. H. Hutchinson.	July 1, 1869	12	50	12	50	2	..	..	81	20	60	25 00	13 50
66—SWEDEN,													
Rev. C. D. Barrows,	Aug. 1, 1869	2	64	2	55	..	..	..	40	20	67		
67—TEMPLE,													
Rev. S. Hackett.....	July 1, 1869	12	125	12	10	..	..	2	62	30	125	14 00	16 00
68—TOPSFIELD,		.....	....	...	80	12	5	1	28	34	93	.....	32 00
JACKSON BROOK,		.....	....	...	40	12	No ch.		..	..	..	.....	9 00
WAITE,		.....	....	...	44	..	No ch.						
No. 7,		.....	....	...	27	1	No ch.		..	..	..	.....	1 00
Rev. R. D. Osgood.....	Aug. 15, 1869	12	500	9½									
69—TREMONT,													
Rev. C. H. Merrill.....	Aug. 1, 1869	2	64	20	90	..	..	..	112	..	200	37 87	
70—UNION,													
Rev. F. V. Norcross....	July 1, 1869	12	150	12	112	..	..	..	67	20	125	18 00	23 00
71—UPTON,													
Rev. D. Garland.....	July 1, 1869	3	28	3	75	4	..	..	14	10	35	3 00	
72—WELD,													
Rev. A. Maxwell.....	July 1, 1869	3	50	3									
Rev. P. B. Wilcox.....	Jan. 1, 1870	1½	48	1½	100	..	..	..	58	30	..	35 00	2 35
73—WEST BROOKSVILLE,													
Rev. N. Richardson.....	July 1, 1869	9	150	9	125	..	..	..	84	..	90	21 41	
Rev. Geo. S. Dodge.....	June 8, 1870	¾	24	¼									
74—WEST MINOT,													
Rev. J. K. Deering.....	Dec. 1, 1869	7	117	7	70	..	..	..	41	25			
75—WEST NEWFIELD,													
Rev. G. S. Kemp.....	July 1, 1869	12	150	12	85	7	7	..	52	10	60	15 45	29 00
76—WHITING,													
Rev. C. W. Park.....	Aug. 1, 1869	2	64	2	93	..	1	..	19	..	90	72 00	7 00
77—WHITNEYVILLE,		.....	....	...	110	..	..	..	42	15	90	25 00	
NORTHFIELD,		.....	....	...	70	..	..	..	12	50	50	30 00	
Rev. J. E. Walker.....	Aug. 1, 1869	3	96	3									
78—WHITNEYVILLE (again),													
Rev. Robert Dols.....	June 1, 1870	1	32	1									
79—WILTON,													
Rev. J. Burnham.....	July 1, 1869	12	175	12	125	..	..	2	91	25	80	32 00	50 00
80—WINDHAM,													
Rev. L. Wiswall.....	July 1, 1869	12	100	12	100	2	..	1	51	8	90	26 60	12 00
81—YORK, 2D,													
Rev. J. Freeman.....	Aug. 1, 1869	11	138	11	58	..	..	3	48	18	40	22 50	15 50
82—NORTHFIELD,													
Rev. P. G. Max-Baler.	June 1, 1870	1	32	1									

REMARKS.

1. Three conversions are reported, and four additions to the church in Acton,—a harbinger, it may be hoped, of still greater blessings to come.

5. This large field, occupied by our indefatigable missionary, has yielded fruit. Nineteen have been added to the church in Athens, sixteen of them by profession, the fruit of a revival previously enjoyed; and four by profession to the church in South Anson. There has also been a work of grace in East Madison, and sundry hopeful conversions. This field is sufficiently large for two laborers, and should be occupied by them as soon as possible.

14. Fourteen have been added to the church in Cornish by profession. An unusual degree of enterprise has been developed by the pastor and this little flock in the purchase and reconstruction of their house of worship, and the erection of a beautiful vestry, all within a few years. The pastor has borne heavy pecuniary burdens, such as may well claim the sympathy and aid of those who love Zion.

19. Three conversions and seven additions to this church, inspiring the hope that brighter days are yet to shine upon it.

20. The church in Edgecomb has been encouraged by the addition of eight to their members.

25. This little band, sometimes despondent lest the waves of utter desolation should overwhelm them, has been revived and strengthened by the accession of eleven to its membership.

27. The history of Greenville the past year illustrates the value of one pious couple to such a community. Mr. James Cameron, an artist, and his wife, after having seen much of the world in Europe and America, some two or three years since, attracted by the beauty and grandeur of the scenery about Moosehead Lake, removed to this place. Religious privileges and influences were few and feeble, the gospel for a long season having been preached there but a small part of the time. Mrs. Cameron appealed to the secretary of this society to send them a missionary, although, moved by the spiritual necessities of the people, Mr. Cameron had previously preached to them more than half the time for ten months. Mr. Barber, from the Andover Seminary, was obtained, and entered upon his labors there last August. So much interest was awakened that the question of gathering the few scattered believers of different and diverse denominations into a union church assumed such magnitude, that the Rev. Mr. Thayer, of Garland, was especially commissioned to visit and counsel them. The result was that a

church was organized Dec. 5, 1869, consisting of twenty-two members, Mr. and Mrs. Cameron coming into it from one of the Presbyterian churches of Philadelphia. By abundant labors for the spiritual good of the people in the sabbath school, the prayer-meeting, at funerals, and from house to house, Mr. C. had so won upon their confidence and love, that they said they must have him for their minister. This demand became so urgent that he came to regard it as a providential indication that it was his duty to relinquish the fine arts as a profession, and enter upon the sublime work of preaching the gospel. In February, he was licensed by the Piscataquis association, and in April he assumed the care of the pulpit in Greenville. Last week he was ordained as an evangelist at the meeting of the Piscataquis Conference in Blanchard, by a council called for the purpose. Mr. Barber, in the mean time, has been exploring the destitute regions of the Lake, and preaching in places where the sound of the gospel has seldom been heard.

41. Medway is an unincorporated place on the western branch of the Penobscot river. Here is a settlement of several hundred people, who were almost as destitute of religious privileges as the inhabitants of Hindoostan. A merchant of Bangor, having large business in the place, offered to pay the board of a missionary. One was sent from the Seminary in Bangor, who spent his last vacation there, and has preached to that people twenty-three Sabbaths during the year. An unprecedented interest has been awakened. A sabbath school numbering ninety has been gathered, and some twenty hopeful conversions reported. It may be hoped that a Christian church will there arise to shed the light of truth and holy example upon the surrounding darkness.

43. There is but one Congregational church in Mt. Desert and Tremont, the larger part of the members residing in the latter town. In Mt. Desert there is a thriving village and a house of worship; and they have had two short missions, amounting to about four months, from young men in a course of study. Much interest was excited; several conversions; and a strong desire awakened to obtain a permanent ministry. Confidence has been expressed that they could raise eight or ten hundred dollars for the support of one. It is vastly important that some suitable man should be found for the place.

46. North Waterford has been blessed with a precious revival. Twenty conversions are reported,—the largest number in any mission station for the year,—thirteen added to the church. Preparatory to this work, difficulties in the church of long standing were happily adjusted, prayer meetings were multiplied, the spirit was poured from on high, and sinners fled to Christ.

48. Fifteen conversions and five additions to the church are reported, and the pastor represents a silent work of grace still in progress. Two churches unite in the support of one pastor,—a plan of great wisdom, and urgent necessity, which should be more extensively adopted. It is economical both

of man and money, in neither of which do we so abound as to give to every church the entire services of a minister.

52. Our missionary here has the oversight of three churches; one of them, that at Caribou, having been organized during the year. So large is the field that the Rev. A. H. Johnson was sent to occupy a portion of it, Fort Fairfield, during three months. His labors were highly acceptable, and the church would gladly have retained him had it been possible. It is desirable that two men should be constantly employed in the upper Aroostook. It is one of the finest agricultural regions in the State, and must ultimately support a dense population.

58. A missionary was sent, last August, to this church long destitute and discouraged, who spent three months with them. The word preached was attended with divine power, and some seventeen souls were hopefully converted, and five added to the church. A young man from Hartford Seminary has just entered upon a mission here of three or four months, and further ingatherings are hoped for. If this church and that at West Brooksville would unite in the support of one minister, who should divide his labors between them, it would be the best arrangement which could be made.

63. This church has enjoyed the gentle refreshings of divine grace. Fifteen have been added to the number of the disciples, and twelve brought into it by the profession of faith.

73. This church, destitute since the removal of Mr. Ilsley to South Freeport, has wisely united with the church in Minot Center in the support of Mr. Deering, and now enjoys the stated means of grace.

75. Seven conversions and seven additions to the church; a very encouraging fact for this feeble band.

79. This church, afflicted by the loss of its house of worship more than a year since, has developed a spirit of enterprise, surprising probably to itself, in the erection of a new one on its ruins. They gratefully acknowledge the aid of many generous friends.

68. Our missionary has spread his labors over a large field in the warm spirit of a Christian pioneer. Nor has he labored in vain. The central point of his territory, Topsfield, has been blessed with the visits of the Spirit, and souls have been born of God.

In Jackson Brook, an unincorporated plantation numbering only about forty souls, about one-third of the inhabitants have been converted, and a Christian church will probably soon be organized. A large tannery is being erected, which will add much to the population, rendering it increasingly important that Christian ordinances be permanently sustained.

Our missionary has also been invited to preach in Danforth, a town further north, and has spent two Sabbaths there. Efforts are being made to obtain his labors half the time. The five or six points where he has preached constitute a field so large as to give ample employment for two preachers. *The field is* white already to the harvest. Where are the reapers?

59. Mr. Sleeper has been appointed Supervisor of schools for the County of Aroostook, and has therefore been unable to supply his pulpit all the time on the Sabbath. Still he has accomplished much in his parish. Almost the entire care of erecting a new house of worship has devolved on him. He has been the contractor for materials and labor, the collector of funds, and pay-master. The house is to be dedicated this week, and Mr. Sleeper is to be installed the next Sabbath.

Failing to obtain a teacher for a high school in the spring, Mr. Sleeper taught it himself. The Holy Spirit was poured upon the school, and a revival has spread through the society. On his way to an evening prayer-meeting the 27th of May, he was thrown from his horse and badly injured, though now in a fair way of recovery. He is a man of all work, and has been a great blessing to that whole region, and should not be forgotten in the prayers and benefactions of God's people.

A young man from Hartford Seminary has been sent to his aid in this season of his trial.

NOTE.—In preparing these sketches, it has not been thought wise to lumber the report with notices of those fields in which nothing specially noticeable had occurred

S. T.

SUMMARY.

THE amount of missionary labor the past year differs little from that of the previous year. The number of missionaries employed is larger, but several have but recently commenced their labors, and therefore while they increase the number of workmen, they add but little to the amount of service rendered. The whole number of missionaries is eighty-nine; the amount of service, fifty-six and half years. Only fifty of the preachers have been ordained, leaving thirty-seven licentiates. Thirty-six have labored through the year; twelve, from six to eleven months; nineteen between three and six months; and twenty-two less than three months. Eighty-one mission fields have been occupied, containing ninety-three churches and some one hundred preaching places, besides occasional preaching in sundry outside neighborhoods.

While revivals have been neither numerous nor extensive in the State, our missionaries report sixty-nine more hopeful conversions than the year previous,—two hundred and five in all. The additions to the churches have been two hundred and fifty-seven; by profession, one hundred eighty-nine; by letter, sixty-eight. The membership in these churches, four thousand one hundred and sixty-six. The number in the weekly prayer-meetings, one thousand six hundred and fourteen. In the Sabbath schools about six thousand. The amount of charitable contributions reported is $2,704.46, of which $1,574.41 were for M. M. Society. The average amount of the congregations is eight thousand seven hundred and eighty-four. Precise accuracy in some of the above estimates is not attainable, but a near approximation to it.

Two new churches have been organized, one at Caribou, in the upper Aroostook, and one at Greenville, at the foot of Moose Head Lake. They are feeble bands, but with proper culture may hope to grow. The former has preaching one-fourth of the time, the latter all the time for the present.

Two new houses of worship have been built; one at Wilton, the other at Sherman Mills—both the result of a most commendable religious enterprise. Quite a number of churches have been repaired.

FINANCES.

The condition of the treasury is fitted to excite the mingled emotions of gratitude and sadness,—gratitude, that so much has come into it from *legacies* and other unusual sources; sadness, that there has been such a

falling off in the ordinary contributions of the churches and religious societies. The whole amount received is $17,876.40. The treasurer's report gives $24,223.61, but this includes, as it should, the balance in the treasury at the beginning of the year, also $2,700 of loans called in. Of the sums actually received, by far the larger part was from legacies, permanent funds, and the sale of real estate, leaving but $6,515.18 from the ordinary annual contributions: less than the previous year by $4,036.38. The amount of permanent, productive funds, is $10,800.00.

With devout gratitude would we acknowledge the good providence of God which has, from unusual sources, enabled the trustees to meet the liabilities of the year without embarrassment. It is still a matter of regret that the churches should suffer such a diminution of their contributions. It has doubtless been a year of scarcity in the circulating medium, which has rendered it less convenient to bestow in charity. But has self-denial gone far in matters of taste and attire, and the ordinary comforts and luxuries of life? It would be a sad comment upon one's religion to have curtailment *begin* with his charities. Yet who has not occasion to watch against this out-cropping of selfishness? When the church shall have fully mastered the divine art of living not to self, the curtailment of charities will be the *last* to be made.

As the legacies to the society, at the rate they have been used the past year, will soon be expended, the trustees would call earnestly upon the churches to enlarge their gifts the coming year.*

MISSION CHURCHES.

Whether they will increase or diminish in number is uncertain. Very few of them for years have attained to independence, while some, once self-sustaining, have fallen back upon this Society for aid. The process of emigration prolongs the dependence of many, and reduces those once strong to feebleness. Yet there is danger that the habit of leaning on the arm of charity will gradually undermine the spirit of manly independence. There is not implicit confidence in the word of the Lord Jesus, that "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Moreover, providing the means of grace for one's family should not be regarded as a case of alms-giving, but classed rather with providing food and raiment. Let it be thus regarded, and the same obligation be felt for the former as for the latter, and some churches now leaning on this society would probably cease to ask further aid. While some feeble societies do nobly, paying two, and even three per cent on their taxable property, others scarcely pay one per cent. Such have need of watchfulness lest they receive in charity what should go to the more feeble. The churches should guard against a pusillanimous spirit, imagining themselves less able to sustain the ordinances of religion than facts will warrant.

* It may be stated as an encouraging fact that the receipts of the last ten days in June, which included anniversary week, and were subsequent to the treasurer's report, were unusually large, amounting to $4,041.40,—thus affording evidence that the churches will not forsake the cause of Christ missions.

If enterprise and self-denying activity are anywhere demanded, they are in those interests that take hold on eternity. Let as much solicitude be felt on the part of parents to provide the bread of life for their households as is manifest in keeping abreast of the fashions in style and equipage, and less charitable aid would be needed in sustaining the means of grace. Do not many ladies find it easier to pay for more ornament than to give the gospel to the poor? Shall it ever thus be?

OUR FIELD.

Maine is eminently missionary ground, not as well supplied with the ordinances of religion as most of the Western States,—such is the opinion of those acquainted both in the East and West. The last report of the A. H. M. Society shows that more missionaries are employed in Maine than in any other State to which they send laborers, save Iowa. Yet not all our needy fields are supplied. A brief survey is fitted to impress one with the greatness of the work to be done.

Aroostook Conference reports thirteen churches, not one of which feels itself more than half able to support the ordinances of religion. Only one has had preaching through the year; one about three-fourths of the time; three, half the time; others less; and three or four next to none. Yet here is a territory larger than the State of Connecticut, which must be consecrated to Christ.

Washington Conference with twenty churches has but five self-sustaining, fifteen dependent, of which four or five have little prospect of long continuance,—the others are hopeful fields.

Six of the thirteen churches of Hancock Conference are able to sustain Christian ordinances. Six others have been assisted; two of them to a constant supply; one, three-fourths of the time; one, less; and one past hope.

Of the sixteen churches in Penobscot Conference, seven provide for themselves; two, aided by this Society, have constant preaching; one, more than three-fourths of the time; several are supplied in part from the Bangor Seminary, and a portion of the expense borne by this Society.

Piscataquis Conference has, of ten churches, but two self-sustaining. Three have been assisted and had preaching most of the year; one all the year. The others are extremely feeble.

Somerset Conference has twelve churches, and but two that live without aid. The others have had preaching part of the time,—one minister supplying four churches; another, two.

Waldo Conference has six self-supporting churches; six dependent, some of which have no bright prospect of long life.

The churches in Lincoln and Sagadahoc Conference occupy a region longer inhabited than the region in which the churches of the previously named Conferences are located, and a larger proportion of them are inde-

pendent, fifteen of the twenty-three. Only three have been aided by this Society. Three or four are extremely feeble and languishing.

Kennebec Conference embraces fifteen churches, six of which are self-supporting; five of the remaining have had missionary aid; three have little more than a name to live.

Franklin Conference reports eleven churches, only two of which can go alone. Six have had missionary aid; two or three are of doubtful continuance.

Of the fifteen churches in Oxford Conference four only get on without missionary aid. Ten have been assisted; some a part of the year, and others through the entire year.

Union Conference has six churches out of seventeen that sustain Christian ordinances without foreign aid, leaving no less than eleven to lean on the arm of charity. An effort is now being made by two of them to unite their strength in the support of one minister, who shall divide his labors between them.

York Conference has twenty-eight churches, one-half of which do not call for assistance; half of the remainder can pay much the larger part of the expense of Christian ordinances; the others extremely feeble.

Cumberland Conference contains a large part of the strength of the Congregationalism of Maine. It includes more than one-fourth of the membership of the State. Twenty-six of its thirty-eight churches have asked no aid the past year, although two of them are about to call for help. Several others are feeble; six of them having been assisted the past year.

From this survey it is seen that only about one hundred of our churches are able to support the ordinances of the gospel, leaving one hundred and forty dependent. Of these about twenty-five have little prospect of growth or long life.

Besides these feeble churches to be nursed, various places, in which no churches exist, need the gospel, and are accessible to the feet of him who brings good tidings. Such is the field. Where are the

LABORERS?

Last year an effort was made to induce young men entering the ministry to spend their first year at least in the home mission field. Six were obtained for this purpose. It was hoped that a portion of the successive classes, on leaving their Seminaries from year to year, would be induced to follow up this plan, and thus an approximation be made toward a permanent supply of some of our mission churches. But this hope seems not likely to be realized. Your secretary has visited no less than four Theological Seminaries for the purpose of engaging some of the seniors in this service. Only one, and he from Andover, has consented. Whether the self-denial is thought too great, or the hope of greater usefulness in some other direction, this result, is a question for other than the trustees to decide.

There has, however, been an unwonted readiness among undergraduates to engage in missionary labors in this State during their vacations. More than thirty from Seminaries out of the State have applied for employment. Some sixteen or seventeen are already commissioned, and a part of them are now in the field. Twelve to fifteen from our own Seminary are expected to engage in this work during the approaching vacation, so that not far from thirty young men will be sowing and we hope reaping also, and gathering into the garner of the Lord. This indeed is a very partial supply, but the best that can be at present obtained. Great good is often accomplished by these short missions. Four or five revivals have attended the labors of these brethren the past year. Souls have been brought to Christ and are now on their way to the kingdom.

A GREAT WORK

is to be done in Maine before Christ, the Lord of missions and Saviour of the lost, shall receive the love and homage of the vast majority of the people. We do not overlook and would not underrate what our brethren of other denominations are doing. We would rather rejoice in all their Christian success. But notwithstanding all they and we have accomplished, a large part of the inhabitants of the State are destitute of the stated ordinances of religion. Then there is a growing and most alarming neglect of these ordinances even where they are regularly sustained. Multitudes turn away from the preaching of the gospel as heedlessly as if its momentous truths had no relation to their duty or destiny. A tide of skepticism sweeps broadly over the land, inducing either indifference or contempt of the humbling doctrines of the cross. They thus cut themselves off from the influence of those means God has appointed for the spiritual welfare of the soul. They live for this world merely, either denying a future existence, or vainly imagining that it will be well with all on the other side of the grave.

How far the church and the ministry are responsible for this sad state of things is a grave inquiry. There is a demand even in the church for smooth things; a softening down of what have been regarded the harsher features of divine truth. Much sensitiveness is felt lest by their full exposition and fearless enunciation men will be offended and repelled. Yet never in this country, it is believed, have so many turned away from the house of God as since a diluted and emasculated gospel has been demanded, and, to some extent, preached.

The great need of the ministry is a vast increase of primitive piety, such as led the great apostle to count not his life dear to him. To meet the necessities of our rural districts we need a class of ministers willing to adopt more inexpensive habits of living, whose love for souls perishing in sin shall prompt them to a cheerful self-denial, and the earnest consecration of their powers to the work of winning and saving them. They should look *at Paul as he* went on foot from city to city, and province to province,

amidst perils of robbers, perils by the heathen, perils in the city, perils in the wilderness, in weariness and painfulness, in hunger and thirst, in cold and nakedness, that if possible he might save some. Oh, when God shall baptize the rising ministry generally with such a spirit, they will not shrink, as often now, from hard and difficult fields! Rather will they imitate the patriotic soldier who says, when his country is in peril, "Put me into the fore front of the battle; let me occupy the deadly breach; if my country's safety demands the sacrifice of my life, I freely yield it."

Shall not the soldier of the cross, redeemed by precious blood, yield as much for the kingdom of Christ and the eternal weal of undying souls? Shall the mere patriot be more self-sacrificing than the Christian? Shall he rebuke and put to the blush the soldier of the cross? "Shamed be the thought!"

THE AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

Has completed another year of successful labor. It has employed 944 missionaries, who have supplied with preaching 1,836 congregations and missionary stations. Seventy-six churches have been organized, and fifty-two become self-supporting. Forty-three houses of worship have been completed, one hundred and thirteen repaired, and twenty-three others in the process of erection. Seventy-three churches have reported revivals of religion, and 420 missionaries report 3,470 conversions. The additions to the churches, as near as can be ascertained, have been 6,404; 3,322 on profession, and 3,082 by letter. The receipts of the Society the last year, $283,102.87. Expenditures, $270,927.58. The amount of money paid into the treasury exceeds that of *any former* year by $38,711. There has been an increase in the number of churches organized, of children instructed in the Sunday schools, and of souls converted to Christ under missionary labors as compared with the previous year.

While these results are ground of encouragement, and cause of devout thankfulness, how far short do they fall of the necessities of the case? Notwithstanding all that is accomplished by the church in this country,—the church in all its various branches,—what a seething mass of error and delusion and wickedness, in their multifarious forms, burden the land, and impregnate the atmosphere with a moral miasma! The perils to souls are multiplied on every hand. The sweep of infidelity is mighty and terrific. Paganism is beginning here to rear her temples of worship. The insurrection against the government of God waxes stronger and stronger, and becomes more and more intense and bitter.

If there ever was a time in which the church of this country should fully consecrate her wealth, her talent, her sons and her daughters, her whole powers, to the sublime enterprise of arousing its inhabitants to their allegiance to God, *it is now*. And the loud and earnest prayer should ascend from all hearts, "Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not their heritage to reproach."

TREASURER'S

Dr. MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY IN

1870.

June 20.—To balance in Treasury as settled June 21, 1869.....$3,647.21

RECEIVED FOR INCOME ON PERMANENT FUND, VIZ.:

For dividend Casco National Bank	$200.00	
" " Canal " "	260.00	
" " Manufac " "	91.00	
" " State " " Boston	71.25	
" " Lewiston Falls Manuf. Co	75.00	
" " Rail Road	55.86	
" " United States Stock	149.61	
" " Portland City	57.00	
" " Bath "	58.50	
		1,018.22

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.

For Land sold in Biddeford	$2,528.75	
" " " " "	1,000.00	
" Wood " " "	50.00	
" State of Maine Coupons	30.00	
" Rev. G. B. Richardson, returned	25.00	
" Rev. Mr. Thurston, Preaching	60.25	
" Loan, $1,500.00; interest, $40.00	1,540.00	
" Loan, $1,200.00; interest, $63.00	1,263.00	
		6,497.00

LEGACIES.

Received from late Mrs. Hannah Gooch's estate, Wells	$6,000.00	
" " bequest late Mrs. Francis Burbank, Bethel	40.00	
" " " " Mrs. Sarah G. Clark, Bath	500.00	
" " Churches, collections, donations, annuities, life-memberships, etc.	6,515.18	
" " Annual legacy late Mrs. L. W. Maxwell, Wells	6.00	
		13,061.18
		$24,223.61

PORTLAND, JUNE 20, 1870.—The Permanent Fund of the Society consists of the following, viz.:

1	Bond United States 5-20s, Nov., 1865, No. 68108	$1000.00
1	" " " 5-20s, " " " 68109	1000.00
1	" " " 5-20s, July, 1867, " 94475	100.00
2	" Portland City 6 per cent, Nos. 594 and 595, $500 each, dated April 1, 1852	1000.00
1	" Bath City 6 per cent, No. 11, dated Oct. 15, 1868	1000.00
20	shares Casco National Bank	2000.00
26	" Canal " "	2600.00
7	" Traders " "	700.00
6	" State " " Boston	600.00
3	" P. S. & P. Rail Road	300.00
5	" Lewiston Falls Manufacturing Co	500.00
		$10,000

REPORT.

ACCOUNT WITH J. MAXWELL. *Cr.*

1870.

June 20.—By paid Missionaries, on Trustees' orders		$11,332.78
" " Rev. Mr. Thurston's salary		1,800.00
" " " " " traveling expenses, etc		72.20
" " Brown Thurston & Co., as per bills rendered		156.61
" " Chas. A. Lord, as per bills rendered		102.20
" " Sewall Fund, Mrs. Narcissa S. Bourne		249 57
" " Tax-bills on State National Bank, Boston		16.79
" " Sundry Loans		8,100.00
" " Treasurer's account, as per bill rendered		103,08
" " Balance in Treasury, as settled this day		2,790.88
		$24,223.61

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We have examined the foregoing account, and find the same correctly cast, and properly vouched, and showing a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of two thousand seven hundred and ninety and 38-100 dollars ($2,790.38).

THOMAS R. HAYES,
GEORGE F. THURSTON.

June 20, 1870.

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 20, 1870.

Aroostook Conference.

County Conference	28 20	Lincoln	
Island Falls	6 40		
Sherman	5 08		
Presque Isle	13 10		$8

Cumberland Conference.

Portland, A Friend	30 00	North Yarmouth	
" 3d Church	35 04	Brunswick	
" High Street	400 00	Harpswell	
" State Street	89 00	Gorham	1
" Plymouth Church	62 00	Pownal	
" 2d Church	21 25	Ligonia (Welsh Church.)	
Auburn	161 76	Mechanic Falls	
Lewiston	52 51	Yarmouth, Central	
West Auburn	66 00	Westbrook	
South Freeport	31 41	Standish	
Windham	46 60	Freeport	
Gray	17 00		
Yarmouth, 1st	134 53		
Minot	27 00		$15

Franklin Conference.

Wilton	36 00	Weld	
Temple	10 00	New Sharon	
Phillips	12 00		
Strong	21 00		
Farmington	57 60		$1

Hancock Conference.

Deer Isle	68 00	N. Deer Isle	
Bucksport	125 00	Isle au Haut	
Castine	64 36	Sedgwick and Brooksville	
Amherst and Aurora	38 90		
W. Brooksville	21 40		
Tremont	37 87		$3

Kennebec Conference.

Winthrop	43 00	Benton	
Gardiner	62 05	Clinton	
Augusta	330 43	Pittston	
Vassalboro'	10 00		
Hallowell	22 00		
Richmond	29 00		$6

Lincoln and Sagadahock Conference.

New Castle	52 43	Bath, Central	1
Bath, Winter Street	236 48	New Castle	
Waldoboro'	39 90	Topsham	
Thomaston	57 00	Alna	
Wiscasset	24 30	Bristol	
Edgecomb	50 00		
Union	13 00		
Warren	32 00		$7

Oxford Conference.

Bethel, 1st	66 29	Gilead	2 00
Bethel, 2d	10 00	Norway	11 00
Rumford	21 00	S. Paris	12 75
Dixfield	23 00	County Conference	13 00
Andover	34 57		
Turner	20 00		
Sumner	20 50		$234 02

Penobscot Conference.

Kenduskeag	14 50	Bangor, Central	45 00
Brewer, 1st	60 00	Dixmont and Plymouth	5 60
Orono	25 00	Old Town	20 00
Dedham	102 57	Brewer Village	8 30
E. Orrington	15 25		
Bangor, 1st	237 42		
Bangor, Hammond Street	91 66		$625 36

Piscataquis Conference.

Garland	50 00	Brownville	20 00
			$70 00

Somerset Conference.

Norridgewock	54 68	Athens	13 00
South Anson	12 00	Bingham	10 00
County Conference	10 00	Skowhegan	28 50
Fairfield	20 00		
St. Albans	14 07		
Madison	14 00		$176 25

Union Conference.

Sweden	21 65	N. Bridgton	15 00
Lovell	23 85	Brownfield	22 00
Denmark	21 00	Albany	37 00
County Conference	20 00	Bridgton	34 18
Hiram	14 15	Harrison	8 00
N. Waterford	17 50		
Stow and Chatham	6 00		$240 33

Waldo Conference.

Camden	21 90	N. Belfast	27 00
Belfast, 1st	74 25	Winterport	15 00
Searsport, 1st	102 35	Frankfort	8 00
Brooks	6 82		
County Conference	23 78		$278 60

Washington Conference.

Dennysville	35 00	Northfield	30 00
Machias	25 00	Whiting	8 00
East Machias	25 00	Calais	50 50
Robbinston	57 90		
Whitneyville	25 20		
Perry	7 50		$244 10

York Conference.

Kittery	12 00	S. Sanford	73 50
Biddeford, 2d	81 05	Berwick	10 00
Biddeford, Pavilion Church	60 00	Sanford	5 00
Acton	13 30	York, 2d	22 50
Kennebunkport	30 00	Limington	40 10
Kennebunk, Union Church	95 05	Wells, 1st	20 00
Lyman	24 00	Buxton Centre	25 00
Saco	117 21	Wells, 2d	10 00
S. Berwick	167 47		
Buxton	9 25		$815 33

The amount of the above table is $6,168.10.

LIFE MEMBERS

RECOGNIZED SINCE LAST ANNUAL REPORT.

Mark H. Lufkin.....Deer Isle
Margaret McFarland.....Camden
Rachel M. Grover.....Bethel
Rev. E. G. Titus.....Bethel
F. W. Field.....Bath
Huldah H. Greenwood.....Fairfield
Margaret O. Hill.....Biddeford
Emeline West.....Biddeford
Tamar Dearborn.....Biddeford
Isabella Blethen.....Freeport
Catherine M. Hardy.....Wilton
Samuel Bass.....Wilton
John Elliott.....Thomaston
Seth S. Gerry.....Thomaston
Martha Libby.....Gardiner
Harriette B. Smiley.....Gardiner
Julia Danforth.....Gardiner
Rachel Porter.....Phillips
Mary B. Nichols.....Searsport
Emma Porter.....Searsport
Mrs. Hamilton.....Searsport
Mary D. White.....Amherst
Emma L. Deering.....Augusta
Geo. F. Hawes.....Augusta
Emma G. Hawes.....Augusta
Mary Silsbee.....Aurora
Dea. John S. Park.....Dedham
Moody P. Moulton.....Dedham
Hannah S. Pollard.....E. Orrington
Ben. Tenney.....Hallowell
James Abbott Robinson.....Bangor
Benja. B. Thatcher.....Bangor
H. Saunders.....Sweden
Mrs. Elisha Johnson.....Brownville
Rev. Abram Maxwell.....Yarmouth
Sumner Seabury.....Yarmouth
John H. Mitchell.....Yarmouth
Daniel L. Lovell.....Yarmouth
Margaret Seabury.....Yarmouth
Keziah G. Royal.....Yarmouth
Joseph Brown.....Kennebunk Port
Irene Williams.....Kennebunk Port

Jacob Goodwin.....
C. F. Stone.....
Lydia Titcomb.....Farı
Dorcas H. Russell.....
M. L. Bellows.....I
Sarah C. Webster.....I
Mary T. Rogers.....S
Alice B. Blanchard.....I
Maria W. Blanchard.....I
Charles T. Whittier.....Der
Stephen T. Whittier.....Der
Dea. Isaiah Percey.....
Dea. Otis Kimball.....
Rev. Wm. C. Curtis.....Ri
Rev. F. W. Dickinson.....
Jonathan Cobb.....
Rev. H. H. Hutchinson.....
Dea. Henry F. Lovejoy.....
Charlotte Buck.....Brookly
Mrs. C. J. Wiswall.....W
Lucia Ela.....
Edwin Emery.....Southbridg
Charles Greenwood.....Far
Dea. E. W. Staples.....B
Albert L. Burbank.....
Isabella G. Burbank.....
Rev. J. O. Fiske.....
Martha W. Haskell.....N. I
Wm. Henry Kittridge.....
Mary Ella Kittridge.....
Mary Barker.....
Agnes M. C. Lord.....
Caroline B. Lyman.....I
Pamelia W. Warren.....
Lewis O'Brien.....I
Mrs. Lewis O'Brien.....
Mrs. George Wyer.....
Rufus Hinkley.....
Mrs. Rufus Hinkley.....
Prentis Loring.....
Mrs. Prentis Loring.....
C. H. Wyer.....

Mrs. C. H. Wyer	Portland
Mary A. Stubbs	Portland
Geo. R. Furbish	Portland
Mrs. Geo. R. Furbish	Portland
W. H. Foye	Portland
Mrs. W. H. Foye	Portland
Mrs. S. Marr	Portland
Carrie Woodman	Portland
W. P. Merrill	Portland
Mrs. W. P. Merrill	Portland
Eleanor M. Elder	Portland
Anna A. Sweetser	Portland
John True	Portland
Mrs. John True	Portland
Wm. Alder	Portland
Mrs. Wm. Alder	Portland
David Foote	Biddeford
John Barker	Biddeford
Lydia A. Staples	Biddeford
Geo. Little	Auburn
Ruth Cutler	East Machias
J. M. Eveleth	Mechanic Falls
Agnes Ronald	Portland
Mrs. H. G. Lovejoy	Albany
Hon. Toppan Robie	Gorham
Laura McAllister	Calais
Ellen Pike	Calais
Rev. G. W. Hathaway	Skowhegan

POST-OFFICE ADDRESS OF MINISTERS.

The figures refer to the pages where their Ecclesiastical connection is more particularly designated.

Abbot, Jacob J.....Yarmouth.....36
Adams, George E.....Orange, N. J.....36
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CLAFLIN, Bangor First Church, Bangor Seminary, 1850.....Lawana, West Africa.
COLE, Bangor Hammond-st. Ch., Bangor Seminary, 1868...Erzeroom, Eastern Turkey.
LE, Bloomfield Church, Bangor Seminary, 1859.....Koloa (Kaual), Sandwich Islands.
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S, Bangor Hammond-st. Ch, Bangor Sem..1839..So. Kona (Hawaii), Sand. Islands.
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OF THE

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OF THE

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN MAINE: —

WITH THE

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BEFORE

E MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

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AND

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The FORTY-SIXTH annual meeting of the GENERAL CONFERENCE of the CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES in Maine, will be held with the *Congregational Church in Skowhegan*, commencing on Tuesday, June 25, 1872, at 9 o'clock A. M.

SIXTY-FIFTH anniversary of the MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY, on Wednesday, June 26, at 9 o'clock A. M.

FIFTY-FOURTH anniversary of the Maine Branch of the AMERICAN EDUCATION SOCIETY, and the FIFTY-FIRST annual meeting of the MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY, are held during the week.

☞ By a vote of the GENERAL CONFERENCE, honorary titles are omitted in the Minutes.

MINUTES OF 1871.

The FORTY-FIFTH Annual Meeting of the GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN MAINE, was held with the Winter St. Congregational Church in the city of Bath, commencing Tuesday, June 21, 1871, at 9 o'clock A. M.

The *Moderator*, Hon. NELSON DINGLEY, jr., of Lewiston, took the chair, and conducted the opening exercises.

United in singing Psalm 48, 2d Pt., from "Watts' and Select Hymns."

"With joy let Judah stand
On Zion's chosen hill."

The Moderator read Psalm 148,—and, by his invitation, Rev. Enoch Pond, of Bangor, led in prayer.

Revs. Silvanus Hayward, of South Berwick, and John B. Wheelwright, of South Paris, were deputed by the chair to receive the credentials of Delegates, to be enrolled by the Secretary.

The Constitution and Rules of Conference were read.

DELEGATES.

COUNTY CONFERENCES REPRESENTED.

AROOSTOOK.

None reported.

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Rev. Edward T. Hincks, of Portland.
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Dea. John Titcomb, of Farmington.
Bro. E. P. Packard, of Wilton.

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Rev. Henry S. Loring, of Amherst.
Rev. Hiram Houston, of Deer Isle.
Dea. Mark P. Hatch, of Castine.
Bro. Alfred F. Adams, of Castine.

KENNEBEC.

Rev. Austin L. Park, of Gardiner.
Rev. Edward P. Baker, of Winthrop.
Bro. David Garland, of Winslow.
Dea. Simon Page, of Hallowell.

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Rev. Andrew J. Smith, of Boothbay.
Rev. Edwin S. Beard, of Warren.
Rev. Flavius V. Norcross, of Union.
Dea. Robert C. Webb, of Waldoboro.
Dea. S. P. Baker, of Wiscasset.
Dea. Henry Hyde, of Bath.

OXFORD.

Rev. Amasa Loring, of Sumner.
Rev. David Garland, of Bethel.
Bro. Nathaniel T. True, of Bethel.
Bro. David F. Brown, of Bethel.

PENOBSCOT.

Rev. James Wells, of Dedham.
Rev. Smith Baker, of Orono.
Dea. Albert Titcomb, of Bangor.
Dea. Elnathan F. Duren, of Bangor.

PISCATAQUIS.

Rev. Amory H. Tyler, of Monson.
Rev. James Cameron, of Greenville.
Bro. Russell Murdock, of Garland.

SOMERSET.

Rev. Webster Woodbury, of Skowhegan.
Rev. Thomas G. Mitchell, of Madison.
Bro. Augustus R. Bixby, of Skowhegan.

UNION.

Rev. David B. Sewall, of Fryeburg.
Rev. Edwin P. Wilson, of Bridgton.
Bro. Geo. B. Barrows, of Fryeburg.

WALDO.

Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Searsport.
Rev. H. Allen Shorey, of Camden.
Dea. J. Y. Baker, of Searsport.
Bro. Alexander Black, of Stockton.

WASHINGTON.

Rev. Henry F. Harding, of Machias.
Rev. Reuben D. Osgood, of Topsfield.
Bro. Eben Gardner, of Dennysville.

YORK.

Rev. Lewis Goodrich, of Wells.
Rev. Joseph Smith, of Buxton Center.
Rev. Samuel W. Pearson, of Limington.

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OFFICERS.—Hon. Nelson Dingley, jr., of Lewiston; Rev. David Garland, of Bethel; Deacons Elnathan F. Duren, and Joseph S. Wheelwright, of Bangor.

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field; Silvanus Hayward, of South Berwick; John R. Herrick, of Bangor; Hiram Houston, of Deer Isle; Alfred E. Ives, of Castine; Thomas N. Lord, of Limerick; Henry S. Loring, of Amherst; Charles C. Parker, of Gorham; Enoch Pond, of Bangor; Gilbert B. Richardson, of New Castle; Harrison A. Shorey, of Camden; Joseph Smith, of Buxton Centre; Benjamin Tappan, of Norridgewock; Peter B. Thayer, of Garland; Stephen Thurston, of Searsport; Stephen Titcomb, of Farmington; Horace Toothaker, of New Sharon; William Warren, of Gorham; John B. Wheelwright, of South Paris; Charles Whittier, of Dennysville; Webster Woodbury, of Skowhegan; Bros. Seth E. Benson, of Brunswick; Geo. B. Barrows, of Fryeburg; Nelson Dingley, jr., of Lewiston; Elnathan F. Duren, of Bangor; James Oliver, of Bath; Simon Page, of Hallowell; Asa C. Palmer, of Bath; Joseph Titcomb, of Kennebunk; Nathaniel T. True, of Bethel; and Joseph S. Wheelwright, of Bangor.

MINISTER OF THE PLACE.—Rev. John O. Fiske, of Winter St. Church, Bath.

PREACHER.—Rev. Charles G. McCully, of Hallowell.

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES WHO FULFILLED THEIR APPOINTMENT.

Revs. Silvanus Hayward, of South Berwick, to New Hampshire; Charles C. Parker, to Vermont; Stephen L. Bowler, of Hampden, to Rhode Island; William Carruthers, of Calais, to Nova Scotia and New Brunswick; Ebenezer Bean, of Gray, to Maine Conference of the Methodist Church; Peter B. Thayer, of Garland, to East Maine Methodist Conference:—and by Letter, Revs. John B. Wheelwright, of South Paris, to Connecticut; Benjamin T. Sanborn, of Elliot, to Michigan; Javan K. Mason, of Thomaston, to Ohio; H. Allen Shorey, of Camden, to Indiana; Wellington Newell, of North Waterford, to Illinois; Edward P. Baker, of Winthrop, to Missouri; Thomas G. Mitchell, of Madison, to Iowa; John D. Emerson, of Biddeford, to Kansas; John J. Bulfinch, of Freeport, to Oregon; Edward F. Cutter, of Rockland, to General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Rev. Josiah H. Stearns, of Epping, General Association of New Hampshire.

Rev. Thomas L. Ellis, of North Scituate, Rhode Island Congregational Conference.

Rev. Jeremiah Butler, of Fairport, General Association of New York.

Rev. William W. Patton, of Chicago, represented the General Association of Illinois.

Rev. Elkanah Walker, of Forest Grove, the Congregational Association of Oregon.

Rev. E. M. Bartlett, of Bath, Maine Baptist Missionary Convention.

Rev. C. C. Cone, of Bowdoinham, Maine Conference Methodist Episcopal Church.

REPRESENTATIVES OF BENEVOLENT ORGANIZATIONS.

Rev. WILLIAM WARREN, of Gorham, Dis. Sec. Am. Bd. Com. for For. Missions.

Rev. WILLIAM H. GILBERT, of Hartford, American Bible Society.

Rev. CHARLES L. WOODWORTH, of Boston, American Missionary Association.

Rev. ISAAC P. LANGWORTHY, of Boston, American Congregational Union.

Rev. JOHN WOOD, of Wolfboro, N. H., American Tract Society, New York.

Rev. FRANCIS SOUTHWORTH, of Portland, Am. Seamen's Friend Society.

The Constitution and Rules of Conference were read.

In accordance with Article third of the Constitution, the Moderator gave a cordial invitation to ministers, and all present, to take part in the devotional exercises and discussions of the Conference.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Rev. John Elliot, of York Conference, and Rev. Henry S. Loring, of Hancock Conference, were appointed to take the place of two members of the Nominating Committee whose term of office expires this year. Rev. James Cameron, of Piscataquis Conference, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the removal of Rev. George E. Street, of Wiscasset, from the State.

REPORTS OF DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Rev. Silvanus Hayward, of South Berwick, reported his attendance upon the meeting of the General Association in New Hampshire, in Milford.

Rev. Charles C. Parker, of Gorham, at the General Convention of Vermont, in Newport.

Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, of Hampden, the Rhode Island Congregational Conference, in Providence.

Rev. William Carruthers, of Calais, the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia, in St. John, N. B.

Rev. Ebenezer Bean, of Gray, the Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in Portland.

Rev. Peter B. Thayer, of Garland, the East Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in Dexter.

They received a fraternal reception.

The following delegates reported that they sent a communication to the bodies named :

Rev. John B. Wheelwright, of South Paris, to the General Conference of the Congregational Churches of Connecticut.

Rev. Benjamin T. Sanborn, of Elliot, to the General Convention of Michigan.

Rev. Javan K. Mason, of Thomaston, to the Ohio Congregational Conference.

Rev. H. Allen Shorey, of Camden, to the General Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers, in Indiana.

Rev. Wellington Newell, of North Waterford, to the General Association of Illinois.

Rev. Edward P. Baker, of Winthrop, to the General Association of Congregational Churches in Missouri.

Rev. Thomas G. Mitchell, of Madison, to the General Association of Iowa.

Rev. John D. Emerson, of Biddeford, to the General Association of Congregational Ministers and Churches, in Kansas.

Rev. John J. Bulfinch, of Freeport, to the Congregational General Association of Oregon.

Rev. Edward F. Cutter, of Portland, to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.

Rev. William W. Dow, of Waterford, reported, by letter, that he sent a communication to the General Association in New Jersey.

Rev. Edward R. Osgood, of Somesville, reported, by letter, that he wrote to the Maine Baptist Missionary Convention.

The Committee on Nominations were desired to nominate delegates to each yearly meeting of the Freewill Baptist denomination in this State.

Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath, in behalf of the Committee of Arrangements, made a report in regard to the exercises of the forenoon, which were adopted.

AMERICAN AND FOREIGN CHRISTIAN UNION.

The Moderator read a letter from Henry M. Storrs, of Brooklyn, N. Y., written in behalf of a deputation consisting of Rev. Drs. Storrs, Buddington, and Palmer, drawing the attention of the Conference to the fact that the Congregationalists of that vicinity, and the General Associations of Massachusetts and Connecticut, have withdrawn their former recommendations of the American and Foreign Christian Union,—and propose to constitute "Provisional Committees,"—five members to each State, to act for the Churches, until a permanent arrangement can be made; the Association at the same time "requesting" the Churches to place their contributions for work in papal, or nominally Christian lands, at the disposal of such committee. A meeting of the "Provisional Committees" to be held June 29th, 1, P. M., in Springfield, Mass.

Rev. Wm. W. Patton, of Chicago, being called upon, presented various reasons which had led to the action above referred to.

On motion of Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath, seconded by Rev. Enoch Pond, of Bangor, it was

VOTED, That the communication of Dr. Storrs be referred to a committee,—that they nominate a committee to confer with the delegates who are to meet at Springfield, on the 29th inst., and take such further action on the subject as may be deemed advisable.

COMMITTEE.—Rev. Messrs. JOHN O. FISKE, of Bath; JOHN J. CARRUTHERS, of Portland; and ALFRED E. IVES, of Castine.

The Committee subsequently reported the following resolutions,—which, after a brief discussion by Dr. Pond, of Bangor, Rev. S. Hayward, of South Berwick, and others, were unanimously adopted.

Resolved—1. That we approve the action of the Conference of New York, Brooklyn, and vicinity, and of the General Associations of Connecticut, Massachusetts, and the General Conference of Ohio, looking toward providing for Christian labor among Roman Catholics through some other agency or agencies than the American and Foreign Christian Union.

2. That Rev. Dr. Warren, of Gorham, Rev. Messrs. Wm. H. Fenn, of Portland, and Joseph Smith, of Buxton Centre, be a committee to represent the Maine Conference

either personally or by correspondence, in the meeting of "provisional committees" to be held in Springfield, Mass., Thursday, June 28, at 1, P. M.

3. That we express the earnest hope that, for the sake of the greatest economy, it may be found possible to perform our Christian work among papal populations either through the Home Missionary Society, in this country, and the A. B. C. F. M. in foreign lands, or in some way through already existing benevolent organizations.

[The Committee at Springfield organized by the choice of Senator William A. Buckingham, of Connecticut, President; Rev. Dr. Buddington, of Brooklyn, N. York, Corresponding Secretary; Samuel Holmes, of N. York, Treasurer; Dr. J. P. Thompson, of New York, Chairman of the Executive Committee.]

NATIONAL CONFERENCE.

Rev. Charles C. Parker, of Gorham, Chairman of the Committee appointed last year on the proposed National Council, or Conference, reported the result of the meeting of the Committees of the several State organizations, in Boston, Dec. 21, 1870; their recommendation that such council be held; its purpose; and the basis of representation. This conference would be entitled to three delegates,—one to every ten thousand members, and the fraction over. The local conferences, one for every ten churches, and the fraction of six.

VOTED, To accept the report of the Committee,—and to send three delegates, clerical and lay, to be reported by the Nominating Committee.

VOTED, To recommend the name of the organization to be,—The National Conference.

The roll of delegates was called.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES,—Rev. Messrs. J. B. Wheelwright, of Paris; W. Warren, of Gorham; A. Cole, of Cornish; J. Loring, of North Edgecomb, leading in prayer. Remarks by Rev. Messrs. Cole, of Cornish; Isaac Rogers, of Farmington; and Dea. S. Sewall, of Winthrop. United in singing, "Glorious things of thee are spoken,"—"There is a fountain,"—"Majestic sweetness."

CONFERENCE SERMON.

11 o'clock.

Sung,— "I love thy kingdom, Lord."

Rev. John D. Emerson, of Biddeford, read Isaiah 43d chapter, and led in prayer.

United in singing,— "The Lord Jehovah reigns."

Sermon by Rev. Charles G. McCully, of Hallowell.

TEXT.—Luke 17: 20, 21. * "The kingdom of God cometh not with observation; * * "the kingdom of God is within you."

Theme.—Christ's kingdom spiritual,—its domain in the heart,—its fruit, righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

The committee of arrangements reported the exercises for the afternoon.

Sung,— "Glory be to God on high."

Benediction by Rev. William W. Patton, of Chicago.

Adjourned.

Afternoon—2½ o'clock.

United in singing,— "Gently, Lord, oh, gently lead us."

The Moderator read a part of the 18th chapter of Matthew.

Rev. Harrison A. Shorey, of Waldo Conference, led in prayer.

A half-hour was occupied in devotional exercises, introduced by remarks from Rev. William Hart, of the Central Church, Bath, followed by Rev. Edward F. Cutter, of Rockland; and Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine. United in prayer with Revs. C. C. Parker, of Gorham; J. O. Fiske, of Bath; and E. F. Cutter, of Rockland.

Sung,— "Nearer, my God, to thee."

REVIVALS OF RELIGION.

This topic was introduced by Rev. Austin L. Park, of Gardiner, followed by Revs. Charles H. Gates, of Buxton; J. D. Emerson, of Biddeford; E. Pond, of Bangor; T. Adams, of Waterville; and J. T. Hawes, of Litchfield.

The History of Revivals was referred to, and nearly all Christian progress ascribed to them. Where there was a stagnant church, there could be no progress,—and revivals were necessary on account of their delinquency. Active, aggressive churches were needed.

Prayer—Rev. George E. Perkins, of Gorham.

Sung,— "Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve."

MEMORIAL WORK.

Rev. Professor John S. Sewall, of Bowdoin College, Treasurer of the Committee on Memorial Work of memorial year, made a report.

According to returns from circulars sent to the fourteen local conferences, reports were received more or less full from Cumberland, Hancock, Oxford, Penobscot, Somerset, Union, Waldo, and Washington. No report from Kennebec, Lincoln and Sagadahoc, and York Conferences, but some figures from a few of the churches, obtained by accident, or by personal correspondence; and neither reports nor figures from Aroostook, Franklin, and Piscataquis Conferences. The figures cannot therefore be given for the entire State. Quite a large number of unreported churches have been engaged in expenditures and charities, which would properly be included in this account, and which would considerably swell the aggregate of the Maine Memorial fund.

The amounts reported to the Treasurer, during the year, are from

Cumberland Conference	$72,842.48
Hancock	10,350.00
Kennebec	8,646.00
Lincoln and Sagadahoc	1,820.00
Oxford	381.00
Penobscot	3,575.00
Somerset	835.22
Union	32,505.00
Waldo	6,487.50
Washington	15,500.00
York	12,673.62
Total	$165,615.82

These amounts have been raised for the following purposes:

For Bowdoin College	$ 624.00
Bangor Theological Seminary	642.62
Classical School	86.22
Congregational House, Boston	143 00
Extra donations to Maine Missionary Society	300.00
Church debts, repairs, aid to other churches, extra gifts to Congregational Union, &c	163,819.98
Total	$165,615.82

The Treasurer also reported the sum of $32.71 as due for expenses of Committee,—to cancel which, $17.53 was subsequently paid by a few individuals, and the balance was, by vote of Conference, paid from the treasury of Conference.

CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE.

Rev. Joseph P. Langworthy, of Boston, presented the claims of this enterprise,—and the following resolution was passed, on motion of Rev. J. O. Fiske, of Bath, seconded by Dr. Pond, of Bangor.

RESOLVED, That this Conference cordially approves the action of the proposed Congregationalist Home, in Boston, as a center of the Christian work of our denomination, represented by the various benevolent organizations with which we are connected; and that we recommend to all the churches, that a contribution be taken in behalf of it, during our current ecclesiastical year.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Rev. Smith Baker, jr., of Orono, Secretary of Conference for Sabbath Schools, made a verbal report of the general condition of the schools,—of the County Conventions throughout the State, held during the year,—of the importance of bringing the children and youth within the reach of the truth,

and the need of Institutes and other helps, to render the teaching more effectual.

He was followed by remarks from Revs. George Harris, jr., of Auburn; and S. Hayward, of South Berwick.

Sung,— "Let the minds of all our youth,
Feel the force of sacred truth."

Benediction by Rev. Charles C. Cone, of Bowdoinham, delegate from Maine Methodist Conference.

Adjourned.

Evening,—7½ o'clock.

Organ voluntary, by Samuel D. Cushing.

Anthem by the choir,—Henry A. Hyde, Leader,—

"Glory be to the God of heaven."

Part of the 12th chapter of Romans was read by the Moderator.

Rev. Francis F. Ford, of Cumberland Conference, led in prayer.

THE PULPIT.

TOPIC.—Is the influence of the Pulpit on the wane?

Rev. Professor Wm. M. Barbour introduced this subject, by referring to three classes holding different opinions upon it.

1. Those who would have the influence of the pulpit less, and with whom the wish is father to the thought.

2. Those who fear it is on the wane, because they are not affected by it as formerly. This view does not make it so.

3. Those who confess to a change in the style of preaching, but acknowledge the power of the gospel. The true gospel, however proclaimed, is still the power of God unto the salvation of such as believe.

United in singing,—

"How rich thy bounty, King of kings."

Rev. William H. Fenn, of Portland, spoke on the question,—"How may the power of the Pulpit be maintained?" 1. By culture of the gifts of speech. 2. By maintaining individuality and spirituality. 3. By preaching the "word of God." 4. By reliance on the Holy Ghost. So one great intention of the pulpit shall be realized,—the sanctification of the world.

Prayer—Rev. James Cameron, of Greenville.

Rev. Edward Y. Hincks, of Portland, spoke of the importance of improving both our natural and supernatural powers. To be timid, yet bold,—humble, yet heroic,—shrinking, yet mighty,—showing that the Spirit of God had taken possession of us.

Sung,— "How beauteous are their feet."

The topic, and arrangements for the evening, were suggested by the anni-

versary of the Maine Congregational Society,—and some statements were made by Rev. Edward F. Cutter, of Rockland, Secretary, previous to the annual collection, as to the claims which the families of deceased ministers of the gospel, aided by this Society, had, for sympathy and help.

Amount of contribution, $96.84.

Sung,— "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow."

Benediction, by Rev. Jeremiah Butler, delegate from New York.

Adjourned.

MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

Incorporated January 23, 1821.

FIFTIETH ANNUAL MEETING.

On the adjournment of Conference, the Society met for business.

The President and Vice-president being absent, Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Searsport, was chosen Moderator *pro tem.*

The Report of the Treasurer, Rev. J. E. Adams, of Searsport, was presented.

Receipts	$643.01
Paid to fourteen families	392.05
Balance to new account	$250.96

OFFICERS OF THE MAINE CONG'L CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

Dea. SAMUEL ADAMS	*President*	Castine.
Rev. SEWALL TENNEY,	*Vice-President*	Ellsworth.
Rev. EDWARD F. CUTTER	*Secretary*	Rockland.
Rev. JONATHAN E. ADAMS	*Treasurer*	Searsport.
Dea. ROBERT PORTER	*Auditor*	Searsport.

The President, Secretary, and Treasurer, *ex-officiis*, Rev. Messrs. E. POND, S. TENNEY, R. WOODHULL, S. THURSTON, J. J. ABBOT, and Bro. EBEN STEELE, *Trustees.*

Second Day—Wednesday, June 28.

5¾ o'clock. Prayer-meeting, conducted by Rev. James M. Palmer, of Portland.

Eight o'clock. Conference met.

The Moderator read a portion of the 14th chapter of John.

Prayer—Rev. Elkanah Walker, delegate from Oregon.

ASSESSMENT.

Rev. Charles Whittier, of Washington Conference, introduced the subject of the apportionment upon the churches, at the rate of two cents for each member, toward the expenses of Conference. It was concluded, after discussion, to retain the rule, as making it more equal, and giving each church an opportunity to do its part for that object. Such local Conferences as choose, may pay the amount from their collections,—or provide for it in any way that may be deemed best by them.

A letter, addressed to the chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, was read by Rev. John C. Adams, of Falmouth, from Rev. Daniel Dole, who, with Rev. Elias Bond, and Rev. John D. Paris, left Maine in 1840, for the Sandwich Island Mission.

Mr. Dole is now in this country. In his communication (dated Stamford, Conn.), he regrets that he cannot be present at the meeting of Conference. He sends his love to his brother ministers whom he knew thirty years ago, and should rejoice to see them once more. He refers to Mr. Bond as being laid aside (probably permanently) from his labors, by an affection of the brain, caused by over-work; and to Mr. Paris, as suffering from a throat trouble, keeping him from his labors for some months.

DELEGATES TO AND FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Rev. Edward F. Cutter, of Rockland, introduced a discussion on the subject of correspondence with other bodies. He was followed by Revs. J. Smith, of Buxton; A. E. Ives, of Castine, and others.

Reference was made to the action of Conference last year (see Minutes 1870, p. 6), recommending that nothing be done to lessen the cordial fellowship which now exists; yet believing that some change or modification might with profit be made.

On motion,

VOTED, That the Committee appointed last year, to whom the subject was recommitted for further consideration, be requested to report at this session of Conference or at the meeting next year.

Subsequently, Rev. D. Garland, of Bethel, chairman of the Committee, reported, that it was inexpedient to take any action thereon.

The report was accepted, and adopted.

TREASURER AND AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Dea. Joseph S. Wheelwright, of Bangor, Treasurer, presented his report, which, with the report of the Auditor, Dea. William S. Dennett, of Bangor, were accepted, and placed on file.

RECEIPTS.

In the Treasury from old account	$ 20.59
Received at annual meeting in First Church, Yarmouth	49.16
" Collection for Memorial Committee	23.51
" (1) from County Conferences, toward balance 1869	34.38
" (2) from County Conferences, toward 1870	287.80
" (3) from Churches for Minutes	29.65
" (4) from Churches for Abstract of Minutes	20.03
" (5) from Churches toward proportion of expenses	35.26
	$500.

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Treasurer Maine Missionary Society	$ 24.58
" Treasurer Memorial Committee	23.51
" B. Thurston & Co., Portland, paper, composition, printing, and binding Minutes, and Abstract for 1870	322.51
" Publishing Com. for paper, blanks, circulars, postage, freight, &c.	90.65
" Balance on hand, to new account	39.13
	$500.

(1)	Cumberland, 18.88;	York,	15.50;			$ 34.38
(2-5)	Aroostook, 6.90;	Cumberland,	105.00;	Franklin,	18.90	
	Hancock, 18.00;	Kennebec,	21.62;	Lincoln & S.,	42.19	
	Oxford, 18.56;	Penobscot,	38.25;	Piscataquis,	18.00	
	Somerset, 13.00;	Union,	20.09;	Waldo,	13.30	
	Washington, 18.00;	York,	20.93			$372.74

VOTED, That the sum of fifty dollars be paid to the Recording Secretary, from t funds of Conference.

Report from the Committee of Arrangements,—accepted.

The roll of delegates was called.

United in singing,— "Forever blessed be the Lord."

Adjourned to quarter past two o'clock P. M.

MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Organized in 1807.

SIXTY-FOURTH ANNIVERSARY.

Nine o'clock A. M.

Rev. SAMUEL HARRIS, Brunswick, President of Bowdoin College, in t chair.

Devotional exercises, conducted by Bro. David B. Sewall, of Fryebur Sermon, by Rev. Albert Cole, of Cornish.

TEXT.—Daniel 2:44.

THEME.—The kingdom of Christ;—its character and growth.

The Sermon, Report of the Treasurer and Trustees, the Topics, Speakers, Remarks, and Votes following, and Hymns sung, are reported in the proceedings of the Society, and included in this pamphlet; also the officers of the ensuing year.

Annual contribution, $45.95.

Afternoon, 2 1-4 o'clock. Conference resumed its session.

United in singing,—

"Father of mercies, in thy house,
Smile on our homage and our vows."

The Moderator read part of the 15th chapter of John, and Rev. Ezra H. Byington, of Brunswick, led in prayer.

BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Rev. Thomas N. Lord, of Limerick, in behalf of the Committee who visited the Seminary, at its last anniversary, presented their report.

Remarks were added by Revs. Thomas Adams, of Waterville; Isaac Rogers, of Farmington; and Enoch Pond, of Bangor.

The Report was accepted,—and ordered published with the Minutes. (See Reports.)

Rev. David Shepley, of Yarmouth, led in prayer.

CLASSICAL SCHOOL.

Rev. Henry F. Harding, of Machias, in behalf of the Executive Committee, made a report on this subject. (Published in the Appendix.)

Remarks followed by Rev. President Harris, of Bowdoin College; Hon. Joseph Titcomb, of Kennebunk; Revs. Wm. Warren, of Gorham; George Harris, jr., of Auburn; Dr. Pond, of Bangor; H. A. Shorey, of Camden; A. E. Ives, of Castine; S. Thurston, of Searsport; and D. Shepley, of Yarmouth.

The importance of the project was fully conceded,—and, after the discussion of several amendments to the resolutions reported by the Executive Committee,—the report was accepted, and the following resolution adopted.

RESOLVED, That an Executive Committee be raised by the Conference, consisting of seven members, with authority to finally locate the proposed Classical School, and to prosecute this enterprise to its completion, and adopt such measures as shall be necessary for the speedy establishment of the School; the said Committee to be nominated by a Committee composed of one member from each Conference.

(The first resolution, referring the question of location to the Trustees of Bowdoin College, was laid upon the table. The offer of Auburn to a former Committee was withdrawn.)

The Nominating Committee chosen, referred to above, are: —

Rev. Wm. T. Sleeper, *Aroostook Conference;* Rev. W. R. Cross, *Cumberland;* Re[redacted]. J. Burnham, *Franklin;* Rev. H. Houston, *Hancock;* Dea. Simon Page, *Kennebec;* Re[redacted]. J. O. Fiske, *Lincoln and Sagadahoc;* N. T. True, *Oxford;* Rev. S. Baker, jr., *Penobsco*[redacted]; Rev. P. B. Thayer, *Piscataquis;* Rev. W. Woodbury, *Somerset;* Geo. B. Barrow[redacted]s, *Union;* Rev. J. E. Adams, *Waldo;* Rev. Chas. Whittier, *Washington;* Rev. S. Ha[redacted]y-ward, *York.* [Rev. J. O. Fiske, of Bath, was chosen *Chairman* of Com.; Rev. W[redacted]. Woodbury, of Skowhegan, *Sec'y.*]

They subsequently reported as the Executive Committee:

Rev. HENRY F. HARDING, of Machias.
Rev. GEORGE HARRIS, JR., of Auburn.
Dea. JOSEPH S. WHEELWRIGHT, of Bangor.
Hon. JOSEPH TITCOMB, of Kennebunk.
Dr. NATHANIEL T. TRUE, of Bethel.
Rev. JOHN O. FISKE, of Bath.
Hon. WOODBURY DAVIS, of Portland.

The subject was again referred to at the session on Thursday forenoon, i[redacted] remarks by Hon. J. Titcomb, of Kennebunk; Rev. J. D. Emerson, of Bidd[redacted]-ford; and Rev. E. Bean, of Gray,—and on motion of Rev. J. D. Emerso[redacted], of Biddeford, following a stirring appeal to carry out fully the spirit of th[redacted] resolution, it was

VOTED, That this Conference understands that full authority has been given th[redacted] Executive Committee on the Classical School, to locate and inaugurate the sam[redacted]; and that we hereby pledge ourselves to sustain the action of the Committee, by ou[redacted] prayers and money, and that we will abide by their decision.

TEMPERANCE.

Rev. Daniel B. Randall, of Auburn, delegated by the Maine Conference of the Methodist Church, to ask the coöperation of other religious bodies in the State, on the subject of Temperance, presented several reasons why it was deemed best that the religious and moral aspect of the question should be more prominently set forth.

On motion of Rev. J. D. Emerson, of Biddeford, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Conference, recognizing the temperance reform as a prominent department of Christian labor, and personal efforts for its promotion, an imperative Christian duty, would earnestly urge upon the churches the importance of actively aiding in advancing so vital an interest of society, by every appropriate means, and especially through faithful inculcations of the virtue of total abstinence, from the pulpit, and in the social meeting and Sabbath School.

RESOLVED, That we approve of the plan of holding a Christian State Temperance Convention; and appoint Rev. S. P. Fay, of Bangor; Rev. H. A. Shorey, of Camden; and Rev. H. F. Harding, of Machias, a Committee on the part of this Conference, to confer with similar Committees from other bodies, with reference to such a gathering.

(A package, containing copies of an appeal to Ministers on Temperance, was received from Rev. John W. Chickering, of Boston, Secretary of the Suffolk Temperance Society, which were distributed as he requested.)

Report accepted from the Committee of Arrangements.

Sung,— "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah."

Benediction, by Rev. Thomas Adams, of Waterville.

Evening, 7½ o'clock.

Voluntary on the organ, by Samuel D. Cushing, of Bath.

Selection by the choir,—

"The Lord will comfort Zion."

At the request of the Moderator, the further opening services were conducted by Rev. S. P. Fay, of Bangor, partaking somewhat of the form of a "Praise Meeting,"—including reading the Scriptures alternately by the leader and the congregation,—from the "Praise Meeting Circular," No. 1;—Prayer, by Rev. John B. Wheelwright, of South Paris; Singing by the congregation,—led by the choir and organ,—with remarks on singing as an act of worship; by whom, and in what manner it should be performed.

MAINE BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Organized in Portland, Nov. 19, 1818.

The Report of the Secretary, Rev. Professor William M. Barbour, of Bangor, was read by Rev. Professor John R. Herrick, of Bangor,—and may be found, with the other reports, in the Appendix.

The Report of the Treasurer, Rev. Professor Jotham B. Sewall, of Brunswick, was read.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand	$ 8.00	
Contributions from twenty churches	538.45	
" from ten individuals	52.00	
Bank dividends	44.00	
Appropriation returned	50.00	
Draft on Parent Society	2243.25	
Collection, annual meeting in Yarmouth	84.00	
		$3,019.70

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Beneficiaries in Bangor Seminary	$2,500.00	
" " " Bowdoin College	400.00	
" expense	.50	
" balance to new account	119.20	
		$3,019.70

Remarks were added by Rev. Professor Herrick, of Bangor, and Rev. William Carruthers, of Calais.

United in singing,— "Come, thou Almighty King."

Prayer—Rev. Josiah H. Stearns, delegate from New Hampshire.

AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

Rev. Charles L. Woodworth, of Boston, presented the claims of the Freedmen, and the work of the Society in the South.

Sung,— "Come, let us tune our loftiest song,
And raise to Christ our joyful strain."

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

Rev. William H. Gilbert, of Hartford, Conn., spoke of the progress made in circulating the Scriptures in this country, and in other lands.

AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY.

Rev. John Wood, of Wolfboro, N. H., represented this organization.

SEAMEN'S CAUSE.

Rev. Francis Southworth, of Portland, spoke in behalf of the twenty-five thousand seamen of Maine; the half million in this country; and the four millions throughout the world.

Report of the Committee of Arrangements, for the exercises of to-morrow. Accepted.

Sung,— "Rejoice, the Lord is King."

Benediction, by Rev. Edwin P. Wilson, of Union Conference.

Adjourned.

Third Day—Thursday, June 29.

5¾ o'clock. Morning.

Prayer-meeting, led by Rev. John B. Wheelwright, of South Paris.

8 o'clock. Conference resumed its session.

Moderator read the 111th Psalm.

Prayer—Rev. Wellington R. Cross, of Cumberland Conference.

MINUTES AND ABSTRACT.

Some discussion was had, in reference to retaining, in the returns of the churches, the columns relating to the number of years each minister had been ordained, and settled over the church of which they were pastors. The decision was to make no change.

The importance of accuracy on the part of each church, in making re-

turns, was urged. The number of members to be ascertained and reported each year, by actual count.

The Publishing Committee was instructed to prepare, as last year, an Abstract of the Minutes; and pastors, and those acting as such, were desired to make known to their people that such an Abstract was published, and encourage the circulation of them among their people, where the full Minutes were not provided. Some churches have adopted the plan, with good results.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, of Hampden, in behalf of the Committee, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted, as follows:

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Delegates to attend in person, or send a written communication.—RULE 13.

General Association of New Hampshire.

Fourth Tuesday of August (22), 1871, at 10, a. m., in Rochester.

PRIMARY.	SUBSTITUTE.
Rev. BENSON M. FRINK.....Saco.	Rev. JAMES M. PALMER.....Portland.

General Convention of Vermont.

Third Tuesday of June (18), 1872, in Brattleboro.

Rev. DAVID B. SEWALL.....Fryeburg. | Rev. EZRA H. BYINGTON....Brunswick.

General Association of Congregational Churches in Massachusetts.

Second Tuesday of June (11), 1872, in South Church, Pittsfield.

Rev. S. P. FAY.....Bangor. | Rev. J. J. ABBOTT.....Yarmouth.

General Conference of the Congregational Churches of Connecticut.

Tuesday, November, 1871, in South Norwalk.

Rev. E. P. WILSON..... Bridgton. | Rev. G. N. MARDEN.....Farmington.

Rhode Island Congregational Conference.

Second Tuesday of June (11), 1872, in Peacedale, (S. Kingston.)

Rev. W. R. CROSS.....New Gloucester. | Rev. F. V. NORCROSS.....Union.

General Association of New York.

October (17), 1871, at 3, p. m., in Binghampton.

Rev. GEORGE HARRIS.....Auburn. | Rev. JOHN R. HERRICK.....Bangor.

General Association of New Jersey.

October 31, 1871, in Washington, D. C.

Rev. JOHN C. ADAMS.....Falmouth. | Rev. WILLIAM HART..... .Bath.

General Association of Michigan.

Third Wednesday of May (15), 1872, at 7 1-2, p. m.

PRIMARY. SUBSTITUTE.

C. L. NICHOLS.....Pownal. | Rev. D. GARLAND.....Bethel

Ohio Congregational Conference.

Second Tuesday of June (11), 1872, at 7, p. m., in Marietta.

Rev. T. E. BRASTOW.....Orland. | Rev. E. BEAN.....Gray

General Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers, Indiana.

First Thursday of June (6), 1872, at 7, p. m., in Fort Wayne.

Rev. JOHN H. W. BAKER.....Topsham. | Rev. G. B. RICHARDSON...Cumberland

General Association of Illinois.

Fourth Wednesday of May (22), 1872, in Springfield.

Rev. A. L. PARK.....Gardiner. | Rev. E. Y. HINCKS.....Portland

General Association of Congregational Churches in Missouri.

Third Wednesday in October (18), 1871, at 7, p. m., in Cameron.

Rev. E. P. THWING.....Portland. | Rev. A. COLE.....Cornish

General Association of Iowa.

First Wednesday after the Fourth Wednesday in May (29), 1872, at 7, p. m., in Sioux City.

Rev. F. SOUTHWORTH.....Portland. | Rev. L. GOODRICH.....Wells

General Congregational Conference of Minnesota.

Second Thursday in October (12), 1871, in St. Anthony.

Rev. J. S. COGSWELL.....Holden. | Rev. J. CAMERON.....Greenville

Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin.

First Wednesday in October (4), 1871, in Fond-du-lac.

Rev. H. HOUSTON.....Deer Isle. | Rev. J. E. FULLERTON, Cumberl'nd Mills.

General Association of Congregational Ministers and Churches in Kansas.

Second Wednesday in May (8), 1872.

Rev. J. E. ADAMS.....Searsport. | Rev. W. V. JORDAN.....Sandford.

Congregational General Association of Oregon.

Third Thursday in June (13), 1872.

Rev. JOSEPH SMITH.....Buxton Center. | Rev. W. WOODBURY.....Skowhegan.

Congregational Association of California.

October 5, 1871.

Rev. C. G. MCCULLY.....Hallowell. | Rev. WM. H. HASKELL..West Falmouth.

Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

First Friday in September (7), 1871, in Halifax, N. S.

Rev. E. L. FOSTER...St. Stephens, N.B. | Rev. WM. FORSYTH.....Bucksport.

Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec.

Wednesday after the first Sabbath in June (5), 1872, at 7 1-2, p. m.

PRIMARY. SUBSTITUTE.

Rev. R. D. OSGOOD.....Topsfield. | Rev. J. G. LEAVITT.....Orono.

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.

Third Thursday in May (16), 1872, in Fort St. Pr. Ch., Detroit, Mich.

Rev. WM. M. BARBOUR.....Bangor. | Rev. WM. H. FENN.....Portland.

Maine Baptist Missionary Convention.

Third Tuesday in June (18), 1872, in Bath.

Rev. JOHN J. BELL.....Phipsburg. | Rev. H. A. SHOREY.....Camden.

Maine Conference of Methodist Episcopal Church.

May, 1872, in Gardiner.

Rev. A. MORTON..... ..W. Auburn. | Rev. H. TOOTHAKER.....New Sharon

East Maine Conference of Methodist Episcopal Church.

May, 1872, in Orono.

Rev. J. H. GURNEY.....Foxcroft. | Rev. J. WELLS.....Dedham.

Freewill Baptist Yearly Meeting.—Maine.

MAINE WESTERN.

Third Monday in June (19-21), 1872, in ——.

Rev. T. T. MERRY.....Norway. | Dea. S. LARRABEE.....Portland.

MAINE CENTRAL.

Second Tuesday in Sept. (12-14), 1871, in Auburn.

Rev. G. W. FIELD.....Bangor. | J. H. CROSBY.....Bangor.

PENOBSCOT.

Third Tuesday in August) 15-17), 1871, in East Corinth.

Rev. P. B. THAYER.....Garland. | Rev. CHS. WHITTIER.....Dennysville.

Norwegian Settlement—New Sweden, Maine.

Rev. STEPHEN THURSTON.....Searsport.

Evangelical Association of Eastern Turkey.

JAMES E. WALKER.....of Bangor Seminary.

DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONFERENCE.

PRIMARIES.	ALTERNATES.
Rev. J. O. FISKE.....Bath.	Rev. J. J. CARRUTHERS.....Portland.
Rev. S. P. FAY..... .....Bangor.	Rev. CHS. WHITTIER.....Dennysville.
N. DINGLEY, JR.....Lewiston.	JAMES DRUMMOND.....Bath.

TREASURER AND AUDITOR OF GENERAL CONFERENCE OF MAINE.

Dea. JOSEPH S. WHEELWRIGHT, *Treasurer*.....Bangor.

Dea. WILLIAM S. DENNETT, *Auditor*.....Bangor.

COMMITTEES.

Standing of Ministers.

Rev. ENOCH POND.....Bangor. | Rev. J. O. FISKE.....Bath.
Rev. STEPHEN THURSTON...Searsport. | Rev. SEWALL TENNEY.....Ellsworth.
Rev. JOHN J. CARRUTHERS...Portland.

[*Sabbath Schools*—Rev. JOHN W. H. BAKER, of Topsham.

Publication of Minutes.

Dea. E. F. DUREN, Rev. JOHN R. HERRICK, and JOHN L. CROSBY, of Bangor.

To visit the Theological Seminary, Bangor.

MEMBERS.	RESIDENCE.	CONFERENCE.
Rev. WILLIAM T. SLEEPER	Sherman Mills	*Aroostook.*
Rev. CHARLES C. PARKER	Gorham.	*Cumberland.*
Rev. HORACE TOOTHAKER	New Sharon	*Franklin.*
Rev. HENRY S. LORING	Amherst	*Hancock.*
Rev. AUSTIN L. PARK	Gardiner	*Kennebec.*
Rev. WILLIAM A. SPAULDING	New Castle	*Lincoln and Sagadahoc.*
Rev. THOMAS T. MERRY	Norway	*Oxford.*
Dea. JOSEPH R. FARRINGTON	Orono	*Penobscot.*
Rev. AMORY H. TYLER	Monson	*Piscataquis.*
Rev. WILLIAM S. SEWALL	St. Albans	*Somerset.*
Rev. ADDISON BLANCHARD	South Bridgton	*Union.*
Rev. JONATHAN E. ADAMS	Searsport	*Waldo.*
Rev. CHARLES WHITTIER	Dennysville	*Washington.*
Rev. LEWIS GOODRICH	Wells	*York.*

NEXT MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

On Tuesday preceding the fourth Wednesday of June (25), 1872, at nine o'clock A. M., with the Congregational Church, Skowhegan.

Committee of Arrangements.

Rev. WEBSTER WOODBURY; Rev. BENJAMIN TAPPAN; Hon. JAMES BELL.

Advisory Committee to represent the Maine Branch of the Education Society, and the Maine Congregational Charitable Society.

Rev. WILLIAM M. BARBOUR, of Bangor; Rev. EDWARD F. CUTTER, of Rockland.

Preacher—Tuesday Forenoon.

Rev. WM. H. FENN, Portland, Prim. | Rev. WM. M. BARBOUR, Bangor, Sub.

Committee on Nominations.

Rev. EDGAR L. FOSTER, of Washington Conference.
Rev. JOHN W. H. BAKER, of Cumberland Conference.
Rev. WILLIAM T. SLEEPER, of Aroostook Conference.
Rev. HENRY S. LORING, of Hancock Conference.
Rev. JAMES CAMERON, of Piscataquis Conference.
Rev. JOHN ELLIOT, of York Conference.

Final calling of the roll.

SALUTATIONS OF CORRESPONDING BODIES.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.—Rev. Josiah H. Stearns, of Epping, N. H.

RHODE ISLAND CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE.—Rev. Thomas L. Ellis, of North Scituate.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK.—Rev. Jeremiah Butler, of Fairport.

MAINE BAPTIST MISSIONARY CONVENTION.—Rev. E. M. Bartlett, of Bath.

MAINE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—Rev. Charles S. Cone, of Bowdoinham.

EAST MAINE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—Rev. Charles A. Plummer, of Wiscasset.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS.—Represented by Rev. WILLIAM W. PATTON, of Chicago.

CONGREGATIONAL GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA.—By Rev. Elkanah Walker, and his son, James E. Walker, of Forest Grove.

Letters were read from the following corresponding bodies:

OHIO CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE.—Rev. Henry D. Moore, Cincinnati, Delegate. Read by Rev. Austin L. Park, of Gardiner.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN MISSOURI.—Rev. William H. Warren, of St. Louis (Elleardsville), Delegate. By Rev. Edw. P. Hawing, of Westbrook.

GENERAL CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE OF MINNESOTA.—Rev. Austin Willey, of Northfield, delegate. By Rev. John H. Gurney, of Foxcroft.

The Moderator, in response, said, that it was with great satisfaction that we have heard in person, or by letter, from these corresponding bodies. We welcome them, as those enrolled with us under one common banner,—bearing one common name,—striving for one common cause,—conquering by one common sign—the cross of Christ. Nothing more cheering and delightful to a Christian heart, than to hear of the progress of Christ's kingdom. On their return to their several fields of labor, they will carry with them our best wishes, and fervent prayers.

United in singing,— "Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love."

CONGREGATIONAL PUBLISHING SOCIETY.

Rev. Solomon P. Fay, of Bangor, introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

RESOLVED, That the experience of the past year, has served to confirm our view of the importance of this Society, and that Conference reaffirm the action of Conference last year, viz.:—"That this Conference approve of the objects of the Congregational Publishing Society, and cordially commend it to the Churches, for a share in their annual contributions."

MEETING-HOUSE IN MEDWAY.

An appeal was made by Rev. S. P. Fay, of Bangor, to aid in the erection of a meeting-house in the new town of Medway, Aroostook County, referred to at the meeting of the Maine Missionary Society yesterday. Various sums, —from $5 to $100,—were at once paid, or pledged by churches and individuals, amounting in the aggregate to $700.

THE SWEDISH SETTLEMENT.

Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Searsport, introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

RESOLVED, That we regard with deep interest and satisfaction the Swedish Settlement in this State;—that we extend to them a cordial welcome to the blessings of our American civilization, and invite them to help us bear it forward to a still higher elevation.

It was VOTED, That Rev. Stephen Thurston be appointed to communicate the above action of Conference, in person, or by letter, and to present our fraternal salutations.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Rev. William Warren, of Gorham, District Secretary of the American Board of Foreign Missions, appeared as a representative of the Churches in China, India, Turkey, Africa, and elsewhere in heathen lands, expressing their thanks for the gospel they had received from us, and pleading that the same good news may be sent to all who have not received it.

Mr. James E. Walker, of the last class of the Bangor Seminary, under an appointment of the American Board, as a missionary to Eastern Turkey, was deputed, by a vote of Conference, to present our Christian salutations to the EVANGELICAL ASSOCIATION OF EASTERN TURKEY, with which Rev. Messrs. Wheeler, Allen, Cole, Pierce, and their wives, from our own State, are connected.

Secretary Warren referred to the new and valuable work of Dr. Anderson on Missions,—commending it to Ministers and the Laity.

United in singing the Missionary Chant,

"In every land begin the song."

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Rev. David Garland, of Bethel, Corresponding Secretary of Conference, presented the state of the churches, for the year past. (Accepted, to be published with the Minutes.)

The Recording Secretary referred to the Necrology for the year. (See pages 31 and 32.)

United in prayer with Rev. Alpha Morton, West Auburn.
Remarks suggested by the Report, were made by Rev. Ezra H. Byington, Brunswick.

Sung,— "Oh, could I speak the matchless worth."

Report from the Committee of Arrangements,—accepted.
Benediction,—Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, of Hampden.
Adjourned.

COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.

Quarter-past two o'clock P. M.
An invitation was extended to all members of Churches in fellowship with to unite in the observance of the ordinance.

Sung,— "All hail the power of Jesus' name."

A portion of Scripture was read. Remarks were made by Rev. Josiah H. Burns, delegate from New Hampshire, and Rev. John D. Emerson, of Biddeford; Revs. Benjamin Tappan, of Norridgewock, and Jacob J. Abbott, of Yarmouth, led in prayer.
The elements were distributed by Deacons Henry Hyde and Isaiah Percy, of Bath; Samuel Larrabee of Portland; Stephen Sewall, of Winthrop; and F. Duren, of Bangor.

Sung,— "When I survey the wondrous cross."

Rev. Elkanah Walker, of Oregon, gave an expression of his deep feeling in view of the delightful experience of the week.
The usual contribution taken,—amount, $48.70.

VOTE OF THANKS.

Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine, with appropriate remarks, introduced the following minute:

The meeting of the Conference of the Congregational Churches of Maine, with the Winter Street Church in Bath, having enjoyed the advantages of the wise and orderly arrangements for the meeting, and the kind and Christian hospitality of the families in Bath,—would hereby express their thankful acknowledgments,—
To the people of Bath, for their welcome and kindness.
To the Railroad, Steamboat, and Stage Companies, for their generous free rides on tickets.

Unanimously adopted.

Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath, responded:
Thanking Conference for this vote, and expressing his pleasure and that of the people, in the anticipation of their coming, and their regret that the hour of parting had come. He referred to the providential circumstances which had led him to that field of labor,—and to the good accomplished by

Conference in the past, in the promotion of harmony, union, and fellowship. Five times had Conference met in Bath; and he hoped to see them again here.

Dr. Pond, of Bangor, made remarks, counseling to greater fidelity in the service of the Master.

The Moderator added fitting closing words.

United in singing,— "Blest be the tie that binds," &c.

Benediction, by Rev. Luther Wiswell, of Windham,—and the Moderator declared Conference adjourned to June, 1872.

E. F. DUREN, *Recording Secretary.*

*** The singing by the congregation, led on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, by the choir and organ.

Full reports of the sessions are published in the Bath Daily Times, Christian Mirror, Portland Daily Press, and Advertiser, Bangor Whig and Courier, Lewiston Journal, Congregationalist, Advance, and other papers.

On Tuesday morning, 27th, a prayer-meeting was held in the Chapel, conducted by Rev. William L. Hyde, of Sherman, New York.

On Thursday evening, a united meeting was held in Winter Street Church, preparatory to the sacramental season of the Churches in Bath. Sermon by Rev. James Cameron, of Greenville,—Luke 23:42, 43,—"Remember me" —"To-day, shalt thou be with me." The preacher presented, with the skill of an artist, the scenes of the crucifixion,—the suffering, forgiving Saviour; the penitent thief,—(the first believer in a crucified Lord); the railing malefactor; and the riotous, insulting multitude; enforcing with the warmth of a Christian heart the lessons which were to be derived from it, and setting forth the same Jesus, as still the living, loving, forgiving, Almighty Saviour.

The State Conference met in Bath, with the First, or North Church (now Winter St.), in 1834; with the Second, or South Church (now extinct), in 1844; with the Third, or Central Church, in 1857 and 1866; Winter St. in 1871 The number of churches in 1834 was 172; ordained ministers, 114; church members, 13,019. In 1871, churches, 242; ordained ministers, 158; members, 19,704.

In 1834, Rev. Samuel Johnson, of Saco, was Moderator; Rev. Charles Freeman, of Limerick, Cor. Sect'y; Rev. Benjamin Tappan, of Augusta, Rec. Sect'y; Rev. Caleb Hobart, of North Yarmouth, Preacher—(2 Cor. 10:4). These have all entered into their rest. The only surviving clerical delegates from the Conferences at that time, are Revs. Dr. Pond, Silas McKeen (now in Vermont), Simeon Hackett, John A. Douglass, and George W. Hathaway.

DELEGATES FROM LOCAL CONFERENCES TO THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE.

AROOSTOOK,—Rev. William T. Sleeper, of Sherman, *Primary.* Rev. Franklin D. Austin, of Presque Isle, *Substitute.*

CUMBERLAND,—Revs. Wm. H. Fenn, of Portland; John J. Abbott, of Yarmouth; Hon. Woodbury Davis, of Portland; Hon. Samuel P. Benson, of Brunswick, *Primaries.* Revs. Moseley H. Williams, of Portland; John C. Adams, of Falmouth, or Professor Jotham B. Sewall, of Bowdoin College; Hon. A. D. Lockwood, of Lewiston; E. S. Hoyt, of Portland, *Substitutes.*

FRANKLIN,—Rev. George N. Marden, of Farmington, *Primary.* Dea. J. P. Thwing, of New Sharon, *Substitute.*

HANCOCK,—Rev. Sewall Tenney, of Ellsworth, *Primary.* Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine, *Substitute.*

KENNEBEC,—Dea. Simon Page, of Hallowell.

LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC,—Rev. Javan K. Mason, of Thomaston.

OXFORD,—Rev. David Garland, of Bethel.

PENOBSCOT,—Rev. Prof. William M. Barbour; Dea. Joseph S. Wheelwright, of Bangor, *Primaries.* Rev. S. P. Newman Smyth, Dea. Elnathan F. Duren, of Bangor, *Substitutes.*

PISCATAQUIS,—Rev. John H. Gurney, Hon. J. G. Mayo, of Foxcroft, *Primaries.* Rev. P. B. Thayer, of Garland; Roland Taylor, or Samuel Stickney, of Brownville *Substitutes.*

SOMERSET,—Rev. Benj. Tappan, of Norridgewock, *Primary.* Rev. Thomas G. Mitchell, of Madison, *Substitute.*

UNION,—Rev. Ezra B. Pike, of Stowe.

WALDO,—Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Searsport.

WASHINGTON,—Rev. Henry F. Harding, of Machias; Rev. George W. Kelley, of Robbinston.

YORK,—Revs. Albert Cole, of Cornish; Silvanus Hayward, of South Berwick; Dea. Joseph Titcomb, of Kennebunk, *Primaries.* Rev. Benj. Southworth, of Wells; Bro. Elisha H. Jewett, Bro. Samuel C. Adams, *Substitutes.*

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

THE wheels of time in their unceasing rounds, are hurrying us forward rapidly to the final end of all our labor in mission work.

While being thus carried forward very swiftly into the great future to meet the solemn results of our life of toil, which by us are not clearly seen or fully apprehended, it is well that we now and then review our doings in the past, and seek to ascertain how far short we come of answering the just claims of Christ our Master.

These reviews honestly and critically made, cannot fail to be of spiritual profit, if they only convince us of our lack of righteous efficiency in benevolent action, and incite us to more fervent zeal, and to still greater effort in the service of our Redeemer.

The history of the General Conference for the year now closed, exhibits evidence that Christ has exercised in our churches his wonder-working power, and by his presence has encouraged his friends to adhere very firmly to the doctrine of determinate perseverance in well doing.

A revival of religion of either greater or less power has been enjoyed in the following churches: Patten, Sherman, Brooksville, West Brooksville, Sedgwick, Newcastle, 2d, Union, Waldoboro', 1st, Madison, St. Albans, Eastport, Whiting, Machias, Whitneyville, Northfield, Pavilion Church, Biddeford, Buxton, Limington, Wells, 2d, Brownfield, Denmark.

A few other churches have been more or less revived by the quickening influences of the Holy Spirit. The number admitted into all our churches by profession during the year is, as reported, 488. The number received by letter is 289, making in all, 777. The number removed by death is 337. The number removed by dismission is 375. The number excluded is 16; making in all 728. This shows an increase of 49 members. The number in all our churches, as reported, is 19,704.

The number of Pastors settled is 15. The number dismissed is 11. The number of Pastors at the present time is as reported 57. The number of stated supplies is 104. The number of pulpits vacant is 90. The number in our sabbath schools is 22,385. The amount of money con-

tributed to objects of benevolence is $34,938. A house of worship has been erected in Center Bridgton, in South Bridgton, and in Chatham, Some twenty-five churches have been either extensively remodeled, or repaired, and rendered attractive to temple worshippers.

No minister connected with the Conference has died during the year. Five, formerly in the Conference, have deceased,—referred to in the Necrology. Among the laborers now engaged in the spiritual warfare for Christ, there are a very few of patriarchal servants, the older of which are Rev. J. A. Douglass, I. Rogers, T. Adams, and E. Pond. Very many of the comrades of these standard-bearers of the Cross have fallen, who for years went forward with them heart to heart, and shoulder to shoulder in mission work. And some of the pulpits which they occupied, are now vacant. In the great struggle of Zion for the victory over antichrist, it is the great question of questions how the ranks of these public servants of Christ, shattered by death and removals, shall be replenished and kept full by true, honest, loyal men.

Your Secretary is often applied to by feeble churches, to aid them in securing pastors, or stated supplies. There can be no arbitrary drafting of men to serve the Lord Jesus nobly, in his great conflict. He must have volunteers of a loving and willing heart, and a ready mind. He needs men for his coadjutors of a truly self-denying spirit and of self-consecration to him; men so strongly attached to him, the great commander of the spiritual forces, marshalled by him for the conflict, and so deeply interested in his achievements in seeking to bring this revolted world unto himself, that they shall both possess and exercise much of the spirit of that great man of men who once said, "What mean ye to weep and to break my heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem; also for the name of the Lord Jesus."

Many of the churches comprising this Conference are small and of very limited resources. There is also a great lack of ministers and pastors, to nurture these little flocks of our divine Lord, with the sincere milk of the word. It has been truly said, the power of the pulpit does not wane. But there is a pressing call for men to occupy the pulpits of these feeble churches of great likeness to him in the spirit of self-denial who once said: "The foxes have holes, the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man hath not where to lay his head." These feeble churches, unless cared for by the public servants of Christ, will most surely wane and be shattered, and scattered like sheep upon the mountains having no shepherd. As the many feeble churches generally suffer

for a lack of suitable means of grace, and often call in vain for some one to break unto them the bread of life, and to lead them beside the still waters of Zion, this pressing need, and anxious fears should so deeply affect their hearts, that, forgetting all their dependence upon men for succor, they with united voices should cry, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help; my help cometh from the Lord who made heaven and earth."

Rev. John A. Douglass, the oldest person in the settled ministry, is now supplying the pulpit of the church in Waterford, of which he has been pastor almost fifty years, having suspended labors, by reason of infirmities, only two years during this long period. His pastorate is probably the longest ever enjoyed in Maine, with two exceptions; one of these was that of Rev. Paul Coffin, who was settled in Buxton, in the year 1763. The other was that of Rev. Moses Hemenway, who was settled in Wells in the year 1759.

There is a continued emigration of ministers from Maine into fields of labor in other States. Among those persons who have left us the past year is Rev. George E. Adams, who was pastor of the church in Brunswick forty years. He was installed over that church, the second year after this Conference was organized. During the long period since that time, he has been one of the few who have borne the burden and endured the heat of the day in sustaining the General Conference of Maine. We who tarry behind, will cherish his memory with gratitude, for the valuable services he rendered during the forty years. And with pleasure we record his name in the records of our present meeting, as one who has been weighed in the balances of usefulness in the cause of Christ. and has not been found wanting.

We have to lament the departure from our midst of Rev. Samuel Harris, the President of Bowdoin College, who for some years has taken an active part in the meetings of this Conference.

But our sadness over the loss of his aid is very much relieved by the assurance that he of tried ability is to occupy a very high position in the Theological Seminary at New Haven.

D. GARLAND, *Cor. Sec'y.*

NECROLOGY.

No minister in active service in the churches has died during the year.

FORMER PASTORS.

Rev. JOHN C. W. PENNINGTON, died in Jacksonville, Florida, October 22, 1870, aged 62.

Dr. P. was born in 1808, on the eastern shore of Maryland, a direct descendant from an African prince. He was brought up to be a blacksmith, in which trade he acquired considerable proficiency, so that his master considered him worth at least $1000. He ran away when he was twenty-one years of age ["stole myself, that I might be free"—as he said], and succeeded in reaching one of the Quaker settlements in Pennsylvania, where he was kindly provided for, and changed his name from Pembroke, to Pennington. He was also taught to read and write. He afterwards taught school in Newton, Long Island, then at New Haven and Hartford, Conn. He was licensed in 1837 by the New Haven West Association, and ordained by the New York Association, May 12, 1838. At the latter place, he had charge of the Talcott Street Church, and attended the weekly ministerial meetings with Drs. Hawes, Bushnell, Daggett, and others. He was then recalled to New York, and took charge of Shiloh Presbyterian Church. He was a member of the Peace Congress at Paris, in 1848. Studied in the college at Heidelburg, Germany, which, in 1851, conferred on him the degree of D. D. He has visited the British Isles three or four times. After his last trip to England he went to Portland, and commenced his labors with the Fourth Congregational Church (Abyssinian), December 2, 1866, remaining there four years. From thence he went South, having a strong desire to labor among the freedmen. At Jacksonville, Florida, he labored with marked success, a church being established to which he ministered, and where he finished his earthly career.—Reference to Dr. P. in Minutes, 1867, page 107. Notice in Cong. Nov. 17, 1870.

Rev. NELSON BISHOP, died in East St. Johnsbury, Vt., of pleuro-pneumonia, January 10, 1871, aged 69 years.

Mr. B. graduated from Bangor Seminary in 1827. Installed pastor of the church in Clinton, November 19, 1828. Dismissed June, 1834. After that he was connected with the Boston Recorder. In 1840, he was settled in Weathersfield, Vt. From 1845 to 1865, editor and publisher of the Vermont Chronicle. The funeral services were held in Windsor, Vt., conducted by Rev. D. P. Cook, pastor. Notice in Vermont Chronicle and "Minutes." Notice in Cong. Quarterly, July, 1871, pages 438–441, by L. H. C.

Rev. BENJAMIN SAWYER, died at Rocky Hill, Salisbury, Mass., March 26, 1871, aged 89 years.

Mr. S. was born in Boothbay, Me., September 22, 1782. Graduated from Dartmouth College in 1808. Studied theology with Rev. Abijah Wines, at Newport, N. H., who was minister in Deer Isle from 1819 to 1831,—with Mr. Wines he also prepared for

college. Ordained pastor of the church in Cape Elizabeth, November 22, 1809; dismissed September 15, 1813. In Amesbury, Mass., from March, 1814. Installed, Salisbury, Mass., June 19, 1816; dismissed, 1835; then ministering to both churches,—at Rocky Hill since 1841,—preaching his fiftieth anniversary sermon May 15, 1859, and his last sermon October 3, 1870. He also preached in Lyman, Me, five months. His hair remained very black to old age, and he could read without spectacles. He was the oldest clergyman in Massachusetts; had preached 6,000 sermons; married over 1,400 couples; and attended more than 1,100 funerals. (Christian Mirror had a notice April 4, 1871.)

Rev. SOLOMON ADAMS, died in Auburndale, Mass., July 20, 1870, aged 74 years.

Mr. A. was the son of Rev. Solomon and Abigail (Fiske) Adams, of Middleton, Essex County, Mass., where he was born March 30, 1797. Graduated at Harvard College in 1820, and at Andover Seminary in 1823. In the autumn of 1823, he became principal of Washington Academy, in East Machias, where he remained five years. In 1828, he removed to Portland, and took charge of a Ladies' Seminary, where he continued twelve years. Afterwards he removed to Boston, where, for many years, he was principal of a Young Ladies' School. He was ordained as an Evangelist at East Machias, March 1, 1825; preaching there and in missionary fields in the vicinity. After leaving East Machias, he preached less frequently, but never relinquished preaching, and to his latest years was interested in it. He had the best qualities of an educator, and it would be difficult to find his superior. Mr. A. was a man of a very noble character, which his beautiful and benignant face expressed. His life was unselfish, devoted to the service of man for Christ's sake. S. H. in Cong. Quarterly, April, 1871, pages 325-7.

Dr. Harris, President of Bowdoin College, and Rev. John W. Chickering, formerly of Portland, conducted the funeral services in Auburndale. Bost. Adv. July 23, 1870.

Rev. CHARLES WALKER, died in Binghampton, New York, at the residence of his son-in-law, Rev. W. Boardman, D. D., November 28, 1870, aged 80 years.

He was a resident with his son, Rev. Geo. Leon Walker, of Portland, in 1866 to '68 Notice in Vermont Minutes. Notice in Cong. Quarterly, July, 1871 (with portrait), pages 357-378, by Rev. Geo. Leon Walker.

Average age of the above five, 75 years.

EDWARD P. KINGSBURY, died in Newton Center, Mass., of consumption, April 4, 1871, aged 29 years.

Mr. K. graduated from the Bangor Theological Seminary in 1869, and performed missionary labor in several parts of the State. He supplied the churches in Danvers and Dunstable, Mass., the year before his death.

ADDITIONAL NOTICE.

Of Rev. EBER CARPENTER, in Congregational Quarterly, January, 1871, pages 71 and 72, by L. C. (Mr. C. died in Boston, Mass., Oct. 21, 1867, aged 67. (Minutes 1868, p. 84.)

Rev. ELI THURSTON.—By M. B., in Cong. Quarterly, July, 1871, pages 433-435. (Dr T. died in Fall River, Mass., Dec. 20, 1869, aged 61. Minutes 1870, page 31.)

STATISTICAL TABLES.

Post-Office address of Ministers will be found at the end of the Minutes. In donations, fractions of dollars are omitted.

EXPLANATIONS.—S. S., STATED SUPPLY. M. A., MINISTERIAL AGE, viz.—number of years in the ministry. P. A., PASTORAL AGE, viz.—number of years pastor of the church.

AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, second Saturday and Sunday in June.—Organized in Houlton, January 22, 1846.—Semi-annual Meeting, third Saturday and Sunday in September.

CHURCHES.——1871, MAY 7.——MINISTERS. CHURCH MEM., May 7, 1871. Admitted—1870.—Removed. Baptized.

Place and Name.	*Organized.*	*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Inst. or S. S.*	*M.A.*	*P.A.*	*Male*	*Fmal*	*Tot*	*Abs*	*Prf*	*Let.*	*Tot*	*Dth*	*Dis*	*Ex.*	*Tot*	*Adl*	*Inf.*	*S.Sch*	*Cont.*
Burlington	1827, July 12	Rendall Deering, s. s.		1870, Oct.	..	..	10	15	25	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	$ 0
Caribou	1869, July 18	Franklin D. Austin, s. s.	1843, Jun.23	1867, July 1	..	..	5	5	10	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	*75	1
Carroll and Springfield	1846, Mar. 15	Vacant.			..	..	7	10	17	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	1
Fort Fairfield	1844, Oct. 8	Franklin D. Austin, s. s.	1853, Jun.23	1867, July 1	..	..	11	20	31	3	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	*75	9
Hodgdon and Linneus	1845, Sept. 25	Vacant.			..	..	6	8	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Houlton	1833, Jan. 24	Vacant.			..	..	4	20	24	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	5
Island Falls	1859, Sept. 21	J. Greenleaf Leavitt.	1870, Jun.27	1870, Jun.27	..	..	10	11	21	5	0	2	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	30	0
Lee	1863, July 10	Vacant.			..	..	8	16	24	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	0
Lincoln	1831, Aug. 3	James H. Crosby, s. s.	Licentiate.	1871.	..	..	2	19	21	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	15
Passadumkeag	1845, Mar. 1	John W. Brownbill, s.s.	Licentiate.	1871.	..	..	2	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0
Patten	1845, Mar. 1	Jonathan G. Leavitt	1870, Jun.27	1870, Jun.27	1	1	29	37	57	10	3	2	5	1	2	0	3	4	1	60	8
Presque Isle	1865, July 25	Franklin D. Austin, s. s.	1858, Jun.23	1867, July 1	18	..	7	11	18	2	3	1	4	0	2	0	2	3	0	50	150
Sherman	1861, May 29	William T. Sleeper.	1854, Jun.29	1870, Jun.26	17	..	31	48	79	3	18	5	23	1	0	0	1	16	1	125	50
Thirteen.		*2 Past., 4 S. S.=6*		*Av. Min'l & Past'l age.*	17	1	123	225	348	56	27	11	38	2	7	0	9	23	2	710	$239

Average as Stated Supply, one year. *Union Schools.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Rev. Elbridge Knight, Maple Grove, ordained Sept. 13, 1843.

LICENTIATES.—Frank Bowler, four months, in Greenbush and Olamon; Frederic E. Emrick, four months, in Burlington; Vincent Morse, in Sherman; John T. Rea, in Medway,—latter accepts a call to Tuftsville, Conn.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING at Presque Isle, Oct. 15, 16, 1870. Dea. Hiram Stevens, of Carroll, *Moderator*. Appointed, but not held.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING in Presque Isle, June 10, 11, 1871. Dea. D. N. Rogers, of Patten, *Moderator*. Reports of the churches cheering. At Sherman, the Holy Spirit was felt, to the quickening of the church, and conversion of a score or more of precious souls. At Patten, also, there was a delightful work. The churches in northern Aroostook reported growth. Topics freely and warmly discussed,—what should be the spirit of the church, and how promoted; woman's position in the church; Sabbath Schools. Sermons by Rev. Elbridge Knight, of Maple Grove, Eph. 4: 30, "Grieve not;" Rev. Wm. T. Sleeper, of Sherman, "Talents,"—use and disuse. Conference Sermon, Rev. J. G. Leavitt, Matt. 6: 19, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth." The meetings of Conference were spiritual, and enjoyed.—(*Scribe.*)

Rev. Wm. T. Sleeper is Supervisor of Schools in Aroostook County, and Principal of Sherman High School, Sherman Mills. Rev. John E. M. Wright, supplying at Burlington, left May 1. Rev. Franklin D. Austin is expecting to leave Presque Isle Sept. 1, for Hammonton, N. J., 2) miles from Philadelphia. Rev. J. G. Leavitt leaves Patten, Aug. 1, for Orono.

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CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, Tuesday, before second Wednesday in June.—Organized in Gorham, Dec. 24, 1822.—Semi-annual Meeting, Tuesday, before second Wednesday in January.

	CHURCHES.—1871, May 7.—MINISTERS.					CHURCH MEM., May 7, 1871.				Admitted.—1870.—R moved.						Baptized.			
Place and Name.	*Organized.*	*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Inst. or S. S.*	*M A*	*P. A*	*Mle*	*Fml*	*Tot*	*Abs*	*Prf*	*Let.*	*Tot*	*Dth*	*Dis*	*Ex.*	*Tot*	*Adl*	*Inf*	*S. Sch*	*Contrib.*
Auburn	1820, Feb. 8	George Harris, jr.	1869, Oct. 6	1869, Oct. 6	2	2	94	188	282	39	3	7	10	3	6	0	9	3	0	300	$ 700
Auburn, West	1844, May 1	Alpha Morton, s. s.	1844, Feb. 13	1863, Apr. 2	27	..	65	78	143	63	1	4	5	1	0	0	1	0	0	150	230
Baldwin	1821, May 16	Vacant.			..	..	4	11	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brunswick	1747, June.	E. H. Byington, p. elect	1859, Feb. 23	1871.	12	..	65	188	253	75	8	5	13	2	8	0	10	2	1	228	428
Cape Elizabeth	1734, Sept. 10	Vacant.			..	..	25	34	59	2	6	4	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	80
C. E., Welsh, Ligonia	1869, Mar. 14	Thomas E. Davies, s. s.	1869, Mar. 14	870, Mar. 1	..	..	12	27	39	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	10
Cumberland	1793, Sept. 15	G. B. Richardson, p. e.	1857, Jun. 30	1871, Aug. 9	14	..	33	82	115	15	0	0	0	7	4	1	12	0	0	50	150
Durham	1796, Mar. 9	(1) A. Bushnell, s. s.	Licentiate.	1871.	..	..	12	28	40	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	12
Falmouth, First	1754.	John C. Adams, s. s.	1851, Aug. 19	18 9, Feb. 13	20	..	31	93	124	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	120	88
Falmouth, Second	1830, Sept. 15	William H. Haskell, s.s	1863, Mar. 17	1869, Jan 1	8	..	30	73	103	28	3	0	3	1	0	0	1	2	1	50	80
Freeport	1789, Dec. 21	John J. Bulfinch.	1860, May 23	1870, July 1	11	1	34	100	134	14	3	2	5	2	0	0	2	3	0	90	100
Freeport, South	1857, July 9	Horatio Ilsley, s. s.	1837, Oct. 26	1868, Ap. 18	34	..	34	76	110	22	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	3	0	70	301
Gorham	1750, April 4	Charles C. Parker.	1848, Oct. 4	1868, Aug. 19	23	3	56	161	217	68	1	2	3	4	1	0	5	0	0	170	385
Gray	1803 Oct. 2	Ebenezer Bean.	1802, Mar. 25	1863, Jan 1	9	8	27	51	78	0	2	2	4	1	2	0	3	2	1	70	50
Harpswell	1753.	Vacant.			..	..	16	46	62	21	5	0	5	3	0	0	3	4	0	30	40
Lewiston, Pine st.	1854 Aug. 8	Francis F. Ford.	1857, Oct. 5	1871, Jun. 22	14	..	84	191	275	34	1	2	3	4	14	0	18	1	2	270	495
Mechanic Falls	1840, June 15	Vacant.			..	..	6	14	20	4	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	0	25
Minot Center	17 1, Sept. 8	John K. Deering, s. s.	1850, Apr. 23	1869, Nov.	21	..	36	82	118	44	0	0	0	0	7	0	7	0	0	50	80
Minot W. and Hebron	1802, Oct. 8	Henry V. Baker, s. s.	Licentiate.	1870.	..	..	12	25	37	4	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	0	10
New Gloucester	1765, Jan. 16	Wellington R. Cross.	1865, Sept. 7	1865, Sept. 7	6	6	63	120	183	20	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	175	250
North Yarmouth	1806, Oct. 1	Benjamin P. Snow, s. s.	1870, May 10	1869, Mar. 1	1	..	50	70	120	21	0	0	0	3	3	0	6	0	2	150	125
Poland	1825, Nov. 2	Vacant.			..	..	2	12	14	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	0
Portland: Second Parish	1787, Nov. 30	John J. Carruthers.	1819, Jun. 8	1846, Aug. 9	52	25	77	259	336	30	6	16	22	4	4	0	8	4	5	275	400
Portland: High street	1831, Sept. 9	William H. Fenn.	1859, Feb. 20	1865, July 25	12	5	95	266	361	82	13	31	44	6	20	0	26	9	8	341	3267
Portland: Fourth (Abyssin.)	1835, Aug. 7	Samuel Harrison, s. s.	1860.	1870, Aug. 1	10	..	7	15	22	1	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	44	38
Portland: Bethel	1840, Sept. 24	Francis Southworth.	1857, Oct. 23	1866, Jun. 11	14	5	58	71	129	56	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	6	150	75
Portland: State street	1852 Mar. 17	Edward Young Hincks.	1870, Oct. 18	1870, Oct. 18	1	1	95	245	340	45	7	18	25	4	12	0	16	0	0	490	2655
Portland: St. Lawrence street	1858, Feb. 19	Abiel H. Wright.	1866, Nov 1	1871, Feb. 19	5	..	37	83	120	30	4	4	8	0	4	0	4	0	0	200	70
Portland: West Cong'l Ch.	1862, Sept. 17	William F. Ober.	1868, Oct. 15	1870, Nov 17	3	..	17	42	59	11	1	7	8	1	3	0	4	0	0	200	12
Portland: Plymouth	1869, Dec. 27	Moseley H. Williams.	1868, Mar. 26	1870, Nov. 29	3	..	102	231	333	100	4	6	10	2	26	18	36	0	0	180	601
Pownal	1811, Mar. 20	Alvin B. Jordan, s. s.	Licentiate.	1871.	..	..	27	56	83	22	1	1	2	1	0	2	3	0	3	66	63
Scarborough	1728, June 26	Vacant.			..	..	24	44	68	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	495
Standish	1834, Feb. 5	Samuel Hopkins, s. s.	1831, Oct. 26	1866, May 1	40	..	3	42	45	17	0	0	0	0	1	0	1*	0	0	50	37
Westbrook, First	1765, April 8	Vacant.			..	..	6	29	35	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	30
Westbrook, 2d (Sacca.)	1832, Jan. 17	Stephen L. Bowler, s. s.	1863, Jan. 5	1871, Sept. 1	18	..	38	69	107	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	175	250
Westbrook, Warren Ch.	1869, Sept. 30	Jere'h E. Fullerton, s.s.	1870, Sept. 8	1870.	1	..	19	29	48	2	14	2	16	0	0	0	0	10	2	180	25
Windham	1743, Dec. 14	Luther Wiswall.	1837, Aug. 12	1854, Sep. 20	34	17	6	43	49	9	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	124	35
Yarmouth, First	1730, Nov. 18	Leavitt Bartlett, p. e.		1871, July.	..	..	52	143	195	18	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	7	196	350
Yarmouth, Central	1859, April 27	Jacob J. Abbott.	1845, Aug. 27	1865, Oct. 19	26	6	22	55	77	19	4	1	5	2	1	0	3	1	0	70	203
Thirty-nine.		*15 Past., 17 S. S. = 32.*	*Av. Min'l & Past'l age.*		16	7	1476	3472	4948	978	99	118	217	57	125	11	193	46	38	5114	$12,255

Average as Stated Supply, three years. (1) E. W. Jordan, s. s., Durham, Aug., 1870, to Feb., 1871. * "Erased."

CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE—CONTINUED.

MINISTERS WITHOUT PASTORAL CHARGE.

NAMES.	ORDAINED.	RESIDENCE.	Ministerial age.
LAS BAKER	1831, Dec.	Standish	40
MUEL H. MERRILL	1831, Feb. 22	Portland	40
PHEUS S. PACKARD, Professor in Bowdoin College.	1850, May 16	Brunswick	21
ES M. PALMER	1854, May 22	Portland	17
ORGE A. PERKINS, family school for boys	1854, May 25	Gorham	17
IN S. SEWALL, Professor in Bowdoin College	1859, Apr. 20	Brunswick	12
THAM B. SEWALL, Professor in Bowdoin College	1855, Feb. 28	Brunswick	16
HARD C. STANLEY, Professor in Bates College	Licentiate.	Lewiston	00
RY G. STOBER	1850, Mar. 30	Oak Hill	21
IEL D TAPPAN	1826, Mar. 19	Lewiston	45
ES B. THORNTON, JR.	1851, June 4	Scarboro'	20
WARD P. TWING, Professor in Gorham Seminary.	1858, Sep. 22	Portland	13
LLIAM WARREN, District Secretary A. B. C. F. M.	1840, Feb. 13	Gorham	31

Average Ministerial age of the above, twenty-five years.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING held with the Plymouth Ch., Portland, January 10, 11, 1871.

Rev. CHARLES C. PARKER, of Gorham, *Moderator*.—Sermons, President Samuel Harris, of Bowdoin College, Gal. 5:6,—Faith worketh by love. Rev. John C. Adams, of Falmouth, Rom. 4:25, "Delivered for our offences." Topics discussed: Laws and method of Revivals; Faith; Irreligious literature; How to make a Sabbath attractive; How to make the most of a Sabbath; How to advance the claims of personal and family religion, with those made by the church and society. The question-box suggested various topics for practical remark. Lord's Supper administered by Revs. George A. Perkins, of Gorham, and U. W. Small, of Cumberland.

FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING, in New Gloucester, June 13, 14, 1871. Rev. Ebenezer Bean, of Gray, *Moderator*. Opening sermon, Rev. Professor Wm. M. Barbour, of Bangor, Hebrews 8:1, 27,—"Such an high priest became us." Tuesday evening—Sermon, Rev. Ezra H. Byington, of Brunswick. Conference sermon, Rev. Geo. Harris, jr., of Auburn,—The love of Christ. Subjects for remark: Nearness to God; Public worship as a means of grace. The Question-box offered many topics for discussion. A committee on the Classical School urged the importance of its establishment, but determining nothing in reference to its location; appointed a committee, Revs. F. Snow, of North Yarmouth; E. H. Byington, of Brunswick; and F. Southworth, Portland; to present the subject at the meeting of General Conference in Bath, indicating their wish that it be not far from Portland and Brunswick. Mrs. Mary A. Muzzey, of Amherst, Mass., a returned missionary, was introduced to the Conference. She has lectures, addressed especially to ladies.

JEREMIAH ELLSWORTH FULLERTON (Bowdoin, 1865—Andover, 1870), ordained as Evangelist at Warren Church, Cumberland Mills Westbrook, September 8, 1870. Rev. John O. Fiske, of Gray, *Moderator of the Council*; Rev. Edward P. Twing, of Second Church, Westbrook, *Scribe*. Sermon, by the Moderator,—"The common people heard him gladly." Ordaining prayer, Rev. Henry O. Thayer, of Woolwich; Charge, Rev. Alfred A. Ellsworth, of Weymouth, Mass. (uncle of Mr. F.); Right hand, by the Scribe.

EDWARD YOUNG HINCKS (Yale, 1863—Andover, 1870), ordained pastor of State Street Church, Portland, October 18, 1870. Rev. John J. Carruthers, of Portland, *Moderator of Council*; Rev. George Harris jr., of Auburn, *Scribe*. Invocation and reading of Scriptures, Rev. J. E. Fullerton, Cumberland Mills; Prayer, Rev. Charles C. Parker, of Gorham; Sung Hymn 1009 (Songs for the Sanctuary); Sermon, Rev. Professor Wm. M. Barbour, of Bangor, Acts 6:4. Prayer,—its place and power in the minister's work; Ordaining Prayer, Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Searsport; Sung Hymn 1015; Charge by the Moderator; Right hand of fellowship, Rev. S. F. Newman Smyth, of Bangor; Hymn 1028; (Address to people was assigned to Rev. Wm. H. Fenn, of Portland); Prayer. Rev. Wm. F. Ober, of West Chapel, Portland; Benediction by pastor.

Rev. JOHN JOHNSON BULFINCH (Bowdoin, 1850—Bangor, 1856), installed pastor of the church at Freeport, October 18, 1870. Rev. John J. Abbott, of Yarmouth, *Moderator of Council*; Rev. Ebenezer Bean, of Gray, *Scribe*. Scriptures read by Rev. W. T. Sargent, of Baptist church, Freeport; Prayer, Rev. Benjamin T. Sanborn, former acting pastor; Sermon, by Moderator, 1 Timo. 3:16,—"Great is the mystery of godliness;" Installing prayer, Rev. Professor Alpheus S. Packard, of Brunswick; Charge, Rev. George A. Putnam, of Yarmouth; Right-hand, Rev. Professor Samuel S. Sewall, of Brunswick; Address to People. Rev. Charles L. Nichols, of Pownal; Prayer, Rev. Horatio Isley, of South Freeport; Benediction, Pastor.

Rev. WILLIAM FOSTER OBER (Amherst 1865—Bangor, 1868), installed Pastor of the West Chapel Church, Portland, November 17, 1870. Rev. William H. Fenn, of Portland, *Moderator of Council*; Rev. Francis Southworth, of Portland, *Scribe*. Invocation and reading Scriptures, Rev. Abiel H. Wright, of Winterport; Prayer, Rev. Henry M. Vaill, of Cape Elizabeth; Sermon, Rev. Allen Shorey, of Camden, Matt. 24:23.—"Lo! here is Christ;" Installing prayer, by Moderator; Charge, by the Moderator; Right hand, Rev. Edward Y. Hincks, of Portland; Address to People, Rev. Moseley H. Williams, of Portland; Prayer, Rev. Samuel Harrison, of Portland; Benediction, Pastor.

Rev. MOSELEY HOOKER WILLIAMS (Yale, 1864—Union, 1864-5—Andover, 1866-7), installed pastor of Plymouth Church, Portland, November 29, 1870. Rev. William H. Fenn, of Portland, *Moderator of Council*; Rev. William F. Ober, of Portland, *Scribe*. Invocation and reading of Scriptures, by the Scribe; Sermon, Rev. Prof. John S. Sewall, of Brunswick, Hebrews 2:11, 12;

Installing prayer, Rev. William Warren, of Gorham; Charge, Rev. Edward Y. Hincks, of Portland; Right hand, by Moderator; Address to People, Rev. Charles C. Parker, of Gorham; Prayer, Rev. Samuel Harrison, of Portland; Benediction, by Pastor.

Rev. ABIEL H. WRIGHT (Bangor, 1866), installed Pastor of the St. Lawrence Street Church, Portland, April 19, 1871. Rev. John J. Carruthers, of Portland, *Moderator:* Rev. Edward P. Thwing, *Scribe.* Prayer, Rev. Francis Southworth, of Portland; Reading Scriptures, Rev. Samuel Harrison, of Portland; Sermon, by Rev. William Carruthers, of Calais, Acts, 8: 5,—"Preached Christ there;" Installing prayer, by Moderator; Charge, Rev. Edward Y. Hincks, of Portland; Right hand, Rev. William F. Ober, of Portland; Prayer, by the Scribe, a former pastor; Benediction, Rev. A. H. Wright.

Rev. FRANCIS FENELON FORD (Hamilton, 1851—Princeton, 1856), installed pastor of the Pine Street Church, Lewiston, June 22, 1871. Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath, *Moderator:* Rev. Moseley H. Williams, of Portland, *Scribe.* Invocation and reading of the Scriptures, Rev. Edward Y. Hincks, of Portland; Prayer, Rev. Alpha Morton, of West Auburn; Singing; Sermon, Rev. Prof. William M. Barbour, of Bangor, Matthew 2,—Visit of the wise men of the East to find the Saviour; Installing prayer, by Moderator; Charge, Rev. U. Balkam, of Lewiston, the retiring pastor; Right hand, Rev. Geo. Harris, jr., of Auburn; Address to People, by Scribe; Closing address, Rev. James Richards, of Boston; Benediction, by Pastor.

Rev. URIAH BALKAM, who had been pastor of Pine Street Church, Lewiston, from 1856, was dismissed June 23, by the same council called to install his successor. The record of council testifying to the fidelity of Dr. B., as well as the doings of the installation, are in Christian Mirror, June 27. Dr. Balkam's first sermon was delivered in Jones' Hall, on the first Sabbath in January, 1855.—At least four seasons of revival have been enjoyed under his pastorate. In 1855, when fifty-two were added to the church; in 1862, one hundred; in 1867, seventy-two; in 1868, twenty-five; in all the years of his pastorate, 421—by baptism, 281; by letter, 140. He made 6000 pastoral calls; officiated at 300 funerals, and 211 weddings.

Rev. SAMUEL MORRISON, dismissed April 19, 1871, from the pastorate of St. Lawrence Street Church, Portland, by the same council which installed his successor, Rev. A. H. Wright.

Rev. GEORGE A. PUTNAM, resigned August 21, 1870, the charge of the First Church, Yarmouth. Dismissed Nov. 9, 1870. Record of council in Christian Mirror Nov. 15. Rev. Leavitt Bartlett, of New Jersey, called to fill the place, accepts, June, 1871. Mr. Putnam, April, 1871, engaged to supply for a year the church in Brainanville, Millbury, Mass.

Rev. JOHN K. DEERING closed his labors in Minot, Dec., 1870.

Rev. URIAH W. SMALL, closed his labors with the church in Cumberland Center, April, 1871.

Rev. EDWARD P. THWING closed his labors with Second Church, Westbrook, June, 1871,—retaining his connection with Gorham Academy, as professor of elocution. Residence, Portland.

Rev. CHAS. L. NICHOLS resigned the pastorate of the church in Pownal, February 26, 1871. Rev. Abram Maxwell, of Turner, commenced his labors in Pownal, May 28, 1871. Mr. Nichols accepts a call to Brownville, July, 1871.

Rev. HENRY M. VAILL preached his farewell sermon May 21, 1871, to the North and South Churches in Cape Elizabeth, to whom he has ministered since May 21, 1865. He goes to Massachusetts.

Rev. DAVID SHEPLEY, who was pastor of the church in Yarmouth twenty years (from 1829 to 1849), removes to reside with relatives in Providence, R. I. (July, 1871). Mr. S. has been identified with all that pertained to the best interests of the State, more than forty years,—connected as he has been with the Academy, the College, the Seminary, the Missionary, Education, and other benevolent organizations, as well as in our ecclesiastical bodies, his presence and counsels will be missed.

Rev. CHARLES C. PARKER resigns the pastorate of the church in Gorham, July, 1871—to take effect October 1st.

Rev. BENJAMIN SAWYER, pastor in Cape Elizabeth, 1809 to 1813, died in Salisbury, Mass., March 21, 1871, aged 89.—See page 31.

Rev. JOHN W. C. PENNINGTON, acting pastor Fourth (Abyssinian) Church, Portland, 1866 to 1870, died in Jacksonville, Florida, Oct. 22, 1870, aged 62.—See page 31.

Rev. EZRA H. BYINGTON, late of Windsor, Vt., called to the church in Brunswick, Jan., 1871.

Rev. GILBERT B. RICHARDSON, from the First Church, Newcastle, accepts a call to Cumberland Center.

Rev. STEPHEN L. BOWLER, from the church in Hampden, accepts a call from the Second Church, Westbrook (Saccarappa), to remain one year from September 1st.

Rev. GEO. E. ADAMS preached his farewell sermon to his people in Brunswick, August 24th, and left for his charge in Orange, N. J. (Minutes 1870, page 38.) Rev. ELIJAH KELLOGG closed labors in St. Lawrence Street Church, Portland, November, 1870. Rev. JOSEPH BOARDMAN (Pownal, 1861-5) called to West Dracut, Mass., August, 1870. Rev. EBENEZER G. PARSONS (Freeport, 1837-51) accepts a call to Indiana, January, 1871. Rev. JOSEPH BLAKE (Cumberland, 1841-59) dismissed from church, Gilmanton, N. H., Febuary 14, 1871, on account of his health; opens a summer boarding-house in Gilmanton, N. H., May, 1871. Rev. CHARLES A. AIKEN (Yarmouth 1854-59) accepts Professorship of Ethics and Apologetics, Princeton, N. J., May, 1871. Rev. H. S. Carpenter, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. J. W. Chickering, of Boston; Rev. H. D. Moore, of Cincinnati, have visited Portland, and preached to their former charges during the year. Drs. McDonald, of Princeton, N. J.; John Hall, New York; and Henry Wilkes, of Montreal, have supplied pulpits in Portland, a sabbath or two. Rev. Benjamin G. Snow and his wife, of the Micronesian Mission, addressed many of the churches in the country, on the mission work in the Islands. Rev. Joseph K. Green, of the Turkey Mission, spoke in the church at Lewiston, May 7, on missionary life.

CHURCHES.—*Lewiston,*—has a service sabbath evening, with free seats, in place of the afternoon service. The Sabbath school meet in the afternoon. Dec. 1870.—*Yarmouth.* The proposition to unite the First and Central Churches not accepted, Jan. 1871. Rev. Geo. N. Marden, from Washington, D. C.; and Prof. R. C. Stanley, of Lewiston, supplied for a short time the First Church (Sept., 1870, and Jan., 1871).—*Falmouth* Second Church have, within three years, remodeled and frescoed their meeting-house, put in new pews, purchased an organ and parsonage, and are out of debt. January, 1871.—*Portland.* Bethel Church, Chaplain Southworth reports about 75 hearers in the morning; 150 in the afternoon; 300 in the evening. There is a flourishing Bible class, and Sabbath school.—*Portland.* Payson Memorial Church, Sabbath afternoon service transferred

to the evening, until Sept. Large Bible class, in charge of Rev. James M. Palmer, is connected with the Sabbath school, now held in the afternoon. The average time of membership of 26 now connected with this church is 57 years each; six have been members from 60 to 63 years; none less than 51 years.—*Portland.* Plymouth Church, afternoon Sabbath service changed to evening; pastor proposing to preach a series of discourses to the young at this service. July, 1871.—*Westbrook.* Second and Warren Churches hold fellowship meetings at intervals. Second Church supplied for a time by Rev. H. Whitcher, Rev. U. W. Small, and Charles Sumner, *Lic.*—*Falmouth.* Dea. Wm. E. Gould, cashier of First National Bank, Portland, supplied this church in April, 1871.—*Harpswell.* Presented with a communion service by A. D. Lockwood, of Lewiston.—*Deering.* Church to be formed here, and a meeting-house built, March, 1871.—*Durham.* House of worship closed for the present, March, 1871.—*Mechanic Falls.* United with Baptist Church to secure preaching, May, 1871.

The Register of the Conference reports: "Though no marked revival interest has been felt in the churches the past year, in three-fourths of them the presence and power of the Divine Spirit has been felt, and the churches have been blest and built up in grace and numbers." The religious interest in Brunswick, Gorham, Lewiston, and Auburn were published in Oct. 1870, Jan., and Feb., 1871.

MEETING-HOUSES.—*Brunswick,* repaired, May, 1871.—*Cape Elizabeth* (South Church), the interior to be thoroughly renovated, May, 1871.—*Cumberland Center,* newly painted.—*Deering,* to be built, to cost $11,000, Feb. to May, 1871.—*South Freeport,* steeple damaged by lightning, July 28, 1870.—*Gorham, N. H.,* exterior painted, Oct. 1870. Proposing, Feb. 1871, to paint and fresco the interior, and make some improvement in the pulpit.—*Hiram,* arrangements making to build on the east side of the river.—*Portland. Payson Memorial Church.*—Funds are needed to complete the interior. $716 was acknowledged in May, 1871, as received from the churches and individuals in response to circulars, in addition to $1050 from themselves, and $600 from State Street Church, Portland. Several plans proposed to complete the edifice, among them the issuing of bonds. The whole cost of the building when completed, $75,000; of this $44,000 has been paid by them. $20,000 is needed to complete the interior. *State Street Church,* the spire razed and the tower repaired, May, 1871. *Westbrook* (1st Church), to be repaired, through the efforts of the women. Second Church, a proposition has been made to dispose of the present house, and to build anew, Jan., Feb., 1871.

The Church in New Gloucester building a chapel near their meeting-house, May, 1871.

MEMORIAL YEAR. $72,843 is reported as contributed towards the memorial fund.—South Freeport paid their debt of $1800; Gorham (Me.) expended $3250 on meeting-house and vestry; Lewiston paid their debt of $21,000; High Street Church, Portland, $20,000; St. Lawrence Street Church, Portland, designed to be free of debt before the settlement of their new pastor; Plymouth Church, Portland, has now only a mortgage of $5000, to be lifted; Yarmouth paid $7500 towards their debt.

NECROLOGY. Joseph M. Kellogg, oldest son of Rev. Elijah Kellogg (Pastor, Portland, 1788 to 1811), died Sept. 9, 1870, aged 74; Grace, daughter of Rev. Geo. A. Putnam, Yarmouth, October 11, 1870, aged 13 months; Isaac F. Jones, only surviving brother of the late Rev. Elijah Jones, Minot, Dec. 21, 1870, in New York, aged 63.—Nellie Fabyan, daughter of Rev. Joseph Danielson, formerly of Second Church, Westbrook, Feb. 6, 1871, in Saugerties, N. Y.—Arthur F. Pearl, son of the late Rev. Cyril Pearl, South Freeport, drowned Feb. 26, 1871, near Apalachicola, Florida.—Ernest, son of Edward P. Thwing, of Westbrook, June 5, 1871.—Mrs. Mary C., wife of Rev. Asa Rand (Pastor in Gorham, 1809 to 1822), June 12, 1871, in Ashburnham, Mass., aged 89.—Dorothy Giddings, a well-known Christian teacher chiefly on missionary ground, and constant teacher in the Sabbath school until March last, in Brunswick, Nov. 3, 1870, aged 89.—Mary J. Sweetsir, in Port Huron, Michigan, Dec., 1870; she left $1000 to the Sabbath school of Second Church, Falmouth, her native place.—Hon. Toppan Noble, Jan. 14, 1871, in Gorham, aged 90; he was for many years a valuable member of the church in G., treasurer of the Parish, a liberal benefactor to the church and to various objects of benevolence, and prominent in every good work.—John C. Brooks, of Portland, May 3, 1871, in Washington, D. C., aged 62; Mr. B. left $1000 to Bangor Seminary, and various sums, from $100 to $1000, to several objects of benevolence. The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions to be residuary legatees.

A Pastors' Meeting is held each Monday morning in Portland, at which various topics are discussed pertaining to their work.

PUBLICATIONS.—Sermon preached at Yarmouth, by Rev. George A. Putnam, Nov. 13 (B. Thurston, Printer, Portland).—The Cong. Quarterly, Jan. 1871, pps. 36, 37, has a notice, by Rev. David Shepley, of the deacons of the North Yarmouth (now Yarmouth) Church. Five by the name of Mitchell have held the office of deacon, from 1730,—one hundred and forty-five years, three Jacobs, 52, 39, and 7 years; David, 26; Ammi R., 21. Two of their descendants, Ammi R. and Jacob, are now deacons; the first in Winter Street Church, Bath, the second in Winnesimit Church, Chelsea, Mass. Yarmouth Church has had twelve pastors since its organization in 1730.—History of the Cutter family, of which Rev. Ammi Ruhama Cutter, first pastor of the Church in Yarmouth (1730-35), was a branch, is published, in book form.—Reminiscences of William Ladd (the apostle of peace), by W. C., in Christian Mirror, Jan. 19, 1871.—Sermon preached at Lewiston on Fast Day, Apr. 13, 1871, by Rev. Uriah Balkam, Isa. 66: 1, 2,—"The heaven is my throne," etc. Theme, Manliness and Humility; 17 pps., 8vo. (Lewiston Steam Press).—Sermons in Portland and Lewiston, on Fast Day, noticed in the papers of those cities.—"The Steadfast Man," an address by Rev. Edward P. Thwing at the funeral of Bryce McLellan Edwards, Westbrook, April 18, 1871; 72 pps. (Portland).—The Portland Transcript is publishing weekly a sketch of some one of the churches and ministers of Portland, April, 1871.—Sermon by Rev. Elijah Jones, of Minot, preached two years before his death,—"She loved much," in the Ch. Mirror, June 20, 1871.

SABBATH SCHOOLS. The Sabbath School teachers of Portland, connected with the Reform School, had a reunion to testify their high esteem for the retiring superintendent, E. W. Woodbury, and their sincere regret at his departure, Oct., 1870. Cumberland County S. S. Association in Portland, Oct. 25, 26, 1870; Christian Mirror, Nov. 6, has a report, and the proceedings were published in an 8vo pamphlet, sixteen pages. Androscoggin County S. S. Association, in Auburn, May 2, 3, 1871. The Fifty-fourth Anniversary of the Second Parish Sabbath School, Portland, May 14, 1871; the third in point of time established in New England. The Sixty-first Anniversary of New Gloucester Sabbath School, May 28, 1871.

BIBLE SOCIETIES. Androscoggin Bible Society revived. Meeting held in Lewiston, Oct., 1870.

Address, Rev. W. H. Gilbert, New England Agent A. B. S. Sixty-first Anniversary of the Maine Bible Society, May 21, 1871, in Portland,—operating chiefly in Cumberland County,—Addresses by Revs. Luce, Williams, and Hincks, of Portland.

TEMPERANCE.—Cumberland County Temperance Convention, Aug. 18. 1870, in Portland.—Vindication of City Missionary and Editor of Journal, Lewiston, April 13, 15, 1871. Address by Rev. Geo. Harris, Auburn, April 30.—Rev. John W. Chickering delivered an address in Portland April 23. Text, Romans 1: 21, referring among other things to the state of the cause in Washington.—Cumberland County Temperance Association in West Falmouth, June 5, 1871.

THE SABBATH.—Discourses have been preached by ministers in Portland, and in other places, on the better observance of the Sabbath.—Two discourses of Rev. E. Y. Hincks, State St. Church, Portland, have been publicly referred to, urging that all efforts to desecrate the Holy Day be discountenanced, and that it be kept sacred as did our fathers.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS.—Seventeenth Anniversary of the Portland Association, Oct. 30, 1870. Addresses. Revs. W. H. Fenn, J. Y. Hincks, Luce, and Dr. Shailer. New rooms of this Association in Mechanics Hall, dedicated Jan. 26, 1871. Ministers of the city, and laymen, taking part in the exercises. Reported in Christian Mirror, Jan. 31.—D. L. Moody, of Chicago, in Portland, Nov. 6.—Union meeting in Auburn, Sabbath evening, Nov. 13. Address by Rev. George Harris, Rom. 1: 14,—Christian indebtedness; synopsis in Lewiston Journal, Nov. 16. Annual meeting Apr. 28, 1871. Report and addresses. Assets of this Association, $5600. including $2800 paid towards a fund for the erection of a building for the use of the Association.—Anniversary of Lewsiton Association, July 2, 1871; addresses by ministers of the city. Brunswick Association establishing Sabbath schools in out-districts, May, 1871.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS. First Annual Meeting of Portland Women's Christian Association, Dec. 9, 1870. Dr. Carruthers presiding. Addresses by the ministers. It has four departments of labor: visiting, with tract distribution; relief; employment; instruction.

An association, formed in Saccarappa for mutual improvement and Christian work, November, 1870.

Women's Board of Missions, auxiliary to National Board, formed in Portland, March, 1871,—Mrs. B. G. Snow, Missionary from Micronesia, has met with them.

A meeting was held in Portland, May 8, 1871, of ministers and members of churches in the city (Dr. Carruthers presiding),—to consult in reference to the objects of the International Christian Moral Science Association. Dr. Cather, Secretary, from Great Britain was present, and made an address. He preached in Plymouth Church Sabbath A. M., and in the Methodist Church P. M., May 7.

Cumberland Association met in South Freeport, Nov. 8, 1870; Portland, Bethel Church, February 14, 1871; Portland, High St. Sermon, Rev. Geo. Harris, jr., of Auburn, on Religious progressiveness, Mark 1: 27,—What new doctrine is this? (Old doctrine not out of date.)

Several of the pastors have had social visits from their parishioners *en masse*, who left substantial tokens of their esteem. Drs. Adams of Brunswick, and Balkam, of Lewiston, were the recipients of valuable gifts, on leaving their respective charges.

Rev. SAMUEL H. MERRILL has been supplying the church in Scarboro' several Sabbaths, July 1871. They are hoping to retain him.

The "Christian Mirror" commences its fiftieth year August 1, 1871.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Auburn, E. F. Packard; Auburn West, Rev. A. Morton; Baldwin, T. D. Richardson, a. c; Brunswick, John Furbish; Cape Elizabeth, first ch., Dea. T. G. Prince; Cape Elizabeth, Welsh Ligonia ch., John Perkins; Cumberland, Reuben Rideout; Durham, W. S. Michels; Falmouth, first, Rev. J. C. Adams; Falmouth, second, F. F. Hall; Freeport, Rev. J. J. Bulfinch; Freeport, South, Charles Bliss; Gorham, Rev. C. C. Parker; Gray, David B. Cummings; Harpswell, S. H. Stover; Lewiston, Pine st. ch., Charles A. Davenport; Mechanic Falls, J. M. Eveleth; Minot, S. D. Hodgkins; Minot and West Hebron, Wm. Lowell; New Gloucester, Rev. W. R. Cross; North Yarmouth, N. W. F. Sweetsir; Poland, Geo. Waterhouse; Portland, second ch., D. O. Perry; High st. ch., Daniel Evans; Third ch., Edward H. Tobey; Fourth ch., Henry A. Murray; Bethel ch., C. J. Morris; State st. ch., Rufus H. Hinckley; St. Lawrence st. ch., Dea. E. F. Waite; West Cong'l ch., Jason H. Shaw; Plymouth ch., Rufus D. Bean; Pownal, Azor Mitchell; Scarboro', Dea. George W. Libby, Oak Hill; Standish, Silas Baker; Westbrook, first ch., ; Westbrook, second ch., Harlan P. Murch; Westbrook, Warren ch., Cumberland Mills, S. A. Cordwall; Windham, Rev. Luther Wiswall; Yarmouth, first ch., J. Noyes; Yarmouth; Central ch., Rev. J. J. Abbott.

Rev. William H. Haskell, of West Falmouth. *Scribe of Conference;* Rev. Ebenezer Bean, of Gray, *Register;* Dea. Samuel W. Larrabee, of Portland, *Treasurer.*

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION formed in Westbrook, May 28, 1788. Annual meeting, second Tuesday of February; other meetings, on the second Tuesday of May, August, and November. Rev. Ebenezer Bean, of Gray, *Scribe.*

AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE.—Continued from page 33.

Council called to meet in Lee, May 18, 1871,—in reference to dismission of Rev. C. H. Emerson.—not a quorum present.

Missionary incidents reported in Ch. M., April 18, 1871. Houlton, Nov 29, 1870. Norwegians were cordially welcomed to New Sweden, August, 1870 General Conference passed a vote of welcome, page 24. A representative of the American Bible Society visited them in July, 1871, made an address and delivered them Bibles and Testaments,—promising them more, as needed.

Aroostook County Bible Society held its anniversary in Houlton, July, 1871. They propose to canvass and supply the county.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Burlington, ; Caribou, John Henry; Carroll and Springfield, Dea. Hiram Stevens, Carroll; Fort Fairfield, Dea. Hiram Stevens; Hodgdon and Linneus, ; Houlton, Mrs. Geo. B. Page; Island Falls, Albion Merriman; Lee, C. J. House; Lincoln, T. Fuller; Passadumkeag, E. G. Haynes; Patten, Dr. Luther Rogers; Presque Isle, C. F. A. Johnson; Sherman, P. W. Caldwell.

Rev. FRANKLIN D. AUSTIN, of Presque Isle, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.*

MATTANAWCOOK ASSOCIATION, formed in Enfield, December 15, 1851, meets the day preceding *the annual* and semi-annual meeting of Conference.

FRANKLIN CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, Tuesday previous to second Wednesday in June.—*Organized in Strong, January 15, 1839.*

	CHURCHES.—1871, May 7.—MINISTERS.				CHURCH MEM., May 7, 1871. Admitted.—1870.—Removed. Baptized.																
	...ce and Name.	*Organized.*	*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Inst. or S. S.*	*M.*	*A.*	*P.*	*Mle*	*Fml*	*Tot*	*Abs*	*Prf*	*Let.*	*Tot*	*Dth*	*Dis.*	*Ex.*	*Tot*	*Adl*	*Inf.*	*S.Sch*	*Cont.*
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New	Vineyard	1828, Sept. 3	George C. Lamb, s. s.	Licentiate.	1871.	..	..	..	8	10	18	6	0	0	0	3	5	0	8	0	0	35	8
Phillips		1822, Oct. 9	Vacant.			..	..	..	12	15	27	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Strong		1810, Mch. 3	J. Loring Pratt, s. s.	1867, Nov. 7	1866, Oct. 1	4	..	..	42	54	96	30	0	1	1	2	3	0	5	0	0	122	50
Temple		18 5, Sept. 19	Simeon Hackett, s. s.	1830, July 7	1851, June 1	41	..	..	19	46	65	14	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	35
Weld		1809, Aug. 17	A. Barnum, s. s.	Licentiate.	1871.	..	..	..	24	27	51	5	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	80	14
Wilton		1818, Feb. 19	Jonas Burnham, s. s.	1858, July 28	1866, Apr. 22	13	..	..	42	51	93	27	3	4	7	2	4	0	6	3	2	85	75
	Ten.		*1 Past., 8 S. S. = 9.*		*Av. Min'l & Past'l age.*	15	7		293	462	755	162	20	8	28	10	24	0	34	14	3	927	$695

Average as Stated Supply, four years. *Union School.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.—Rev. Isaac Rogers, Farmington, ordained March 8, 1826. Rev. John Lawrence, Wilton, ordained Aug. 5, 1848.

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING, in Weld, June 13, 14, 1871. Dea. J. P. Thwing, of New Sharon *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, Rev. Geo. N. Marden, of Farmington, Gal. 5: 14, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." The spirit of the Master should characterize the servant. Conference Sermon, Rev. Edwin F. Borchers, of Union Conference, Matt. 13: 45, 46, the Pearl of great price. Topics for remark,—How shall we have a profitable Conference; the influence the good news of revivals in other counties ought to have upon our churches; the importance of family worship, and proper length of services in its performance; the effect upon the churches in the East, of the continued emigration to the West; how are the feeble churches to be strengthened, and the waste places built up; temperance; our obligations to the Maine Missionary Society; Foreign Missions. On Tuesday evening, a Sabbath School meeting was held. Wednesday, report of the churches. The churches redeemed their pledge of $300 for the support of a teacher among the freedmen. Miss Martha J. Norton, the teacher, just returned from Wilmington, N. C., was present at the Conference, and reported a pleasant and hopeful work. Rev. G. N. Marden, who formerly spent a year among the freedmen at Washington, added remarks. An effort will be made this year to support two teachers.

The work of the County Bible Society was presented by Hon. R. Goodenow, and Conference resolved to canvass and supply the county. Conference voted to encourage the formation of Childrens' Temperance Societies. Lord's Supper administered by Revs. Geo. N Marden, of Farmington, and Horace Toothaker, of New Sharon.

Rev. Rowland B. Howard, who has been pastor of the church in Farmington for ten years, was dismissed August 9, 1870. Record of Council, Ch. M. Aug. 16. Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Searsport, *Moderator*; Rev. J. L. Pratt, of Strong, *Scribe*. They commend his fidelity. Mr. H. accepts a call to Princeton, Illinois. A full report of a sermon preached on Thanksgiving day, at Princeton, is published in the "Republican," Princeton, Dec. 11. He received farewell visits from his friends in Farmington, Aug. 22, which was the tenth anniversary of his marriage. Presents of various kinds were left; among them a silver service, and a tin-covered purse, containing $300. He closed his labors Sept. 4th.

Rev. George N. Marden commenced as stated supply in Farmington, Oct. 1, 1870. The church has adopted "Songs for the Sanctuary," in place of "Watts and Select." On the 1st of Dec., 1870, adopted for Sabbath, A. M., a Bible service, consisting of prayer, song, responsive readings, the study of a uniform portion of the Bible, and a brief unwritten sermon, summing up and applying the salient points of the lesson,—the whole service occupying one hour and a half. In the afternoon, the usual Sabbath service.

Encouraging religious interest in Wilton, Phillips, and Strong. Some signs of interest among the youth in Temple.

The church in Weld was supplied for 4 mos., in 1871, by Mr. Barnum, from Yale Seminary. Meetings have been sustained through the year; when they had no minister, sermons were read. The call of the church to Rev. W. Newell, of Brewer Village, in Sept., 1870, was declined. The church contributed $20 for S. S. Library for their Sabbath School.

The church in Chesterville has voted to disband. It was the first of our order organized in the county, eighty years ago. It had Jotham Sewall, of blessed memory, first as one of its Deacons, afterwards its Pastor for fifteen years. Never strong in numbers, or in pecuniary means, it has been a strengthener of others. The church in Phillips has only three resident male members, and these live four miles from the village. They are hoping some who have gone out, may return. [Cont. on p. 43.]

HANCOCK CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, second Tuesday in June.—Organized in Bucksport, May 10, 1825.—Semi-annual meeting in October.

CHURCHES.—1871, May 7.—MINISTERS.					CHURCH MEM., May 7, 1871. Admitted.—1870.—Removed. Baptized.																	
Place and Name.	*Organized.*	*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Inst. or S. S.*	*M A*	*P. A*	*Mle*	*Fml*	*Tot*	*Abs*	*Prf*	*Let.*	*Tot*	*Dth*	*Dis*	*Ex.*	*Tot*	*Adl*	*Inf*	*S. Sch*	*Cont.*
Amherst and Aurora.....	1830, Sept. 14	Henry S. Loring, s. s.	1850, Jun. 20	1867, Nov. 24	21	..	7	16	23	5	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	90	$ 80
Bluehill	1772, Oct. 7	Philo B. Wilcox, s. s.	1851, May 14	1871, Mar. 12	20	..	35	70	105	25	0	0	0	3	5	0	8	0	0	69	22
Brooksville, West.....	1826, Jan. 4	H. H Hutchinson, s. s.	1869, Aug 31	1871, Jan. 1	2	..	36	55	91	8	9	2	11	1	0	0	1	9	0	90	75
Bucksport.....	1803, May 12	William Forsyth.	1870, Sep. 15	1870, Sep. 15	1	1	30	93	123	24	0	5	5	2	0	0	2	0	0	160	750
Castine.....	1820, July 27	Alfred E. Ives.	1838, Sep. 25	1855, Jun. 20	33	16	18	73	91	12	3	2	5	1	0	0	1	2	2	131	275
Deer Isle, 1st.....	1773, Aug. 1	Hiram Houston, s. s.	1850, Sep. 25	1868, Apr. 5	21	..	63	118	181	18	4	1	5	4	1	0	5	2	0	100	55
Deer Isle, 2d.....	1858, Dec. 1	Henry R. Hart.	1869, Dec. 21	1869, Dec. 21	2	2	19	25	44	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	12
Ellsworth.....	1812, Sept. 8	Sewall Tenney.	1831, Aug 10	1855, Nov. 11	40	36	25	89	114	30	7	2	9	1	1	0	2	6	3	145	150
Isle au Haut.....	1857, May 7	Jonas P. Hallowell, s. s.	Licentiate.	1869, Dec. 1	6	..	1	10	11	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0
Orland.....	1850, Sept. 25	Thomas E. Brastow, s. s.	1865, Oct. 11	1869, Oct. 21	..	..	17	55	72	8	2	0	2	1	1	0	2	2	0	*225	305
Sedgwick & Brooksville..	1793, July 8	F. H. Allen & G. Dodson, s. s.	Licentiates.	1870-1.	..	..	13	23	36	8	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	60	81
Sedgwick Village.....	1847, Oct. 28	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	7	11	18	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Sedgwick and Mt. Desert..	1722, Oct. 17	Edward R. Osgood, s. s.	Licentiate.	1870, Aug.	..	..	34	78	112	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	0
Thirteen.		*4 Past., 9 S. S. = 13.*	*Av. Min'l & Past'l age.*		16	14	345	716	1021	179	28	12	40	16	8	0	24	23	5	1240	*1805

Average as Stated Supply, one and one-half years.

* Of these, in District Schools, 100.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Rev. Charles M. Brown, Mount Desert, ordained in Lempster, N. H., July, 1829; Rev. Alfred L. Skinner (P. M.), Bucksport, ordained January 27, 1854.

LICENTIATES.—J. C. Bodwell and H. M. Perkins, Tremont, 1870; Geo. S. Dodge, West Brooksville, 1870; B. F. Leavitt, Mt. Desert, 1870; David L. Smart, Tremont and Bass Harbor, 1871.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING with First Church in Deer Isle, October 4, 5, 1870. Rev. Sewall Tenney, of Ellsworth, *Moderator*. Opening sermon, Rev. Henry S. Loring, of Amherst, Heb. 6: 18, 19,—The Christian hope, the anchor of the soul. Conference sermon, Rev. Philo B. Wilcox, of Bluehill, Zech. 4: 10,—The order of nature, and of grace, is from the less to the greater. Subjects of discussion: 1. Our indebtedness to the Pilgrim Fathers for church organization. 2. Sabbath Schools. 3. Maine Missionary Society. Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Waldo Conference, and Rev. H. S. Loring.

FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING, in Ellsworth, June 13, 14, 1871. Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine, *Moderator*. Opening sermon, Rev. William Forsyth, of Bucksport, Matt. 6: 28. Conference sermon, Rev. Thomas E. Brastow, of Orland, 2 Cor. 3: 18,—"But we all, with open face," &c. Discussion: What are some of the prominent hindrances to the greater success of the gospel, and the best means for removing them? Benevolence; Home Missions, Memorial year, and the National Council, were considered. Ordinance of the Supper, the Moderator, and Rev. P. B. Wilcox.

No extensive revival during the year. Some interest at West Brooksville, Sedgwick, and Brooksville.

The meeting-house in Bucksport, has been remodeled at an expense of $5000. Some others have been improved. West Brooksville have secured a parsonage,—cost $1200. Deer Isle, Second Church, have expended $500 for a parsonage. The sum of $10,350 has been raised for objects embraced in the donations for Memorial year.

WILLIAM FORSYTH (Bangor Seminary, 1870), ordained pastor of Elm St. Church, Bucksport, September 15, 1870. *Moderator of the Council*, Rev. S. Tenney, of Ellsworth; *Scribe*, Rev. J. E. Adams, of Searsport. Introductory services, Rev. Cyrus Stone, of Methodist Church, Bucksport. Sermon, Rev. Geo. W. Field, of Bangor,—"Slow to speak." Ordaining prayer, Rev. Enoch Pond, of Bangor; Charge, Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine; Right hand, Rev. Thomas E. Brastow, of Orland. Address to the people, by Moderator.

Rev. N. Richardson, formerly of Brooksville (1865-6), called to Strafford, Vt., Dec., 1870.

Deacon Samuel Silsby, died in Aurora, January 14, 1871, aged 84. One of the original members of the church in that place. "A good, true, and valuable man."

The Congregationalists, Baptists, and Free Baptists, of Tremont, Bar Harbor, and Seal Cove, have united to form a Union Association to sustain Sabbath services constantly in that part of Mt. Desert, Feb'y, 1871. [Continued on page 43.]

KENNEBEC CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, second Tuesday in June.—Organized in Winthrop, October 29, 1828.—Semi-annual Meeting third Tuesday in October.

	CHURCHES.—1871, May 7.—MINISTERS.				CHURCH MEM., May 7, 1871. Admitted.—1870.—Removed. Baptized.																
Churches and Name.	*Organized.*	*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Inst. or S. S.*	*M.A.*	*P.A.*	*Male*	*Fmal.*	*Tot*	*Abs*	*Prf*	*Let.*	*Tot*	*Dth*	*Dis*	*Ex.*	*Tot*	*Adl*	*Inf.*	*S.Sch*	*Cont.*
[illegible]	1794, Oct. 7	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	77	235	312	69	9	0	9	4	6	0	10	6	4	*290	$ 937
[illegible]	1858, July 16	Benjamin A. Robie, s.s.	1866, Mch. 22	1870, ½ yr.	5	..	5	22	27	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	0
[illegible]ston	1858, July 15	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	2	5	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	2
Gardiner	1835, July 28	Austin L. Park.	1864, Feb. 2	1864, Feb. 2	7	7	34	109	143	25	10	4	14	5	2	0	7	8	2	110	298
Hallowell	1791, Mar. 15	Charles G. McCully.	1860, July 17	1867, Oct. 15	11	4	30	126	156	23	2	0	2	5	2	0	7	2	2	300	732
Litchfield	1811, June 6	Josiah T. Hawes, s. s.	1828, Jan. 23	1865, July 1	43	..	29	39	68	21	5	0	5	0	1	0	1	2	0	120	47
Monmouth	1853, May 17	David Q. Cushman, s. s.	1838, Feb. 7	1871, ½ yr.	..	..	16	23	39	13	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	21
Pittston	1812, Nov. 17	David Q. Cushman, s.s.½	1838, Feb. 7	1868, July 5	33	..	6	21	27	9	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	2	2	30	0
Richmond	1827, Feb. 8	William C. Curtis, s. s.	1863, Sept. 1	1868, Ap. 19	8	..	16	36	52	15	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	50	80
Sidney	1829, Feb. 25	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	5	8	3	10	0	0	0	6	0	0	6	0	0	0	30
Va-salboro'	1818, July 28	John Dinsmore, s. s.	1852, Nov. 18	1870, N. Vas	..	..	4	31	35	9	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	70	41
Waterville	1828, Aug. 21	(1) Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	38	96	134	59	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	125	150
Windsor	1820, Aug.	No ordinances.			..	..	3	7	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Winslow	1828, Aug. 27	John Dinsmore, s. s.	1852, Nov. 18	1862, Jun. 10	19	..	17	72	89	24	4	3	7	3	0	0	3	1	10	†215	114
Winthrop	1776, Sept. 4	Edward P. Baker, s. s.	1858, Oct. 13	1865, Nov. 1	13	..	57	115	172	37	5	3	8	5	4	0	9	2	2	150	144
Fifteen.		*2 Past., 6 S. S. = 8.*	*Av. Min'l &*	*Past'l age.*	17	5	339	945	1284	320	38	12	50	29	19	0	48	25	22	1640	$2259

Average as Stated Supply, 5 years. (1) Calvin Grant Hill (Amherst, 1867, Bangor, 1870), s. s. in W. from June, 1871. * Of which 250 are in Mission Schools. † Of which 115 are in Union School at No. Vassalboro'.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Rev. Thomas Adams, Waterville, ordained August 26th, 1818. Rev. Henry F. Harding, Hallowell, ordained 1855, Oct. 17.

Rev. George Warren Barbour (Amherst, 1867, Andover, 1869), Chaplain National Military Asylum, Augusta, *Lic.*, Dec. 6, 1868.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, at Litchfield, October 18, 19, 1870. Bro. David Garland, *Moderator;* Rev. A. L. Park, *Scribe pro tem.* Opening Sermon, Rev. Geo. W. Hathaway, of Somerset Conference, Titus 1:9,—"Holding fast," &c. Tuesday eve., Sermon by Rev. Benj. Tappan, of Norridgewock, 2 Cor., 5:11,—"Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men." Conference Sermon, Rev. Austin L. Park, of Gardiner, 1 Cor., 6:19, 20,—"Not your own." Topic for remark in the afternoon,—In what ways may church members more generally manifest an interest in the cause of the Sabbath School. The hour previous, the members of the Academy and the Sabbath School were present, and appropriate addresses were made. Ordinance of the Supper,—Revs. T. G. Mitchell, of Madison, and Benj. A. Robie, of Waterville, officiating.

FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING, in Richmond, June 20, 21, 1871. Sermons by Revs. Messrs. John Dinsmore, of Winslow; Edward P. Baker, of Winthrop; Austin L. Park, of Gardiner; and Josiah T. Hawes, of Litchfield. Discussions,—"What are the conditions of steady growth in piety; How can our prayer-meetings be made more profitable; How can the fellowship of churches be promoted." Rev. Francis Southworth, of Portland, presented the claims of Seamen. In six churches there has been a gain of 19; in four, a loss of 9. Special religious interest reported from Pittston. The Conference took action in favor of measures calculated to awaken greater public interest in its meetings. The churches in this Conference report $8,646 as the Memorial offering. The church in Augusta have extinguished their debt of $8,000.

Rev. JOEL F. BINGHAM, dismissed from the pastorate of the South Ch., Augusta, by Council, which met September 5, 1870. Rev. John Dinsmore, of Winslow, *Moderator;* Rev. Benj. A. Robie, of Waterville, *Scribe.* Removes to Hartford, Conn. Temporarily supplying the Episcopal Ch., Fair Haven, Conn.

Rev. BENJAMIN A. ROBIE, dismissed from the pastorate of the church in Waterville, March 13, 1871. Rev. J. Dinsmore, of Winslow, *Moderator* of Council; Rev. Webster Woodbury, of Skowhegan, *Scribe.* The ladies of Waterville had just completed an effort to secure a parsonage. Farewell discourse preached March 19. Mr. R. accepts a call to Wilmington, Mass.

Rev. CHARLES G. MCCULLY, of Hallowell, returned home in June from the Sandwich Islands, from a visit to his brother. The people invited him to the pastorate of the For. Ch. at the Islands. During his absence, the pulpit has been supplied by the Professors in Bangor and Brunswick; Rev. H. V. Emmons, of Lancaster, N. H.; Frederic C. Sturgess, of Skowhegan; and others.

Rev. THOMAS ADAMS has returned to Maine, and resides in Waterville, where he ministered from 1835 to 1838. In the adjoining town of Winslow, he also labored as S. S. from 1818 to 1828, and from 1832 to 1834.

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LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, second Tuesday in June.—Organized in Alna, June 8, 1825.—Semi-annual Meeting, second Tuesday in January.

CHURCHES.—1871, May 7.		MINISTERS.			CHURCH MEM., May 7, 1871.					Admitted.—1870.				Removed.			Baptized.		
Place and Name.	*Organized.*	*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Inst. or S. S.*	*M.A*	*P.A*	*Mle*	*Fml*	*Tot*	*Abs*	*Prf*	*Let.*	*Tot*	*Dth*	*Dis*	*Ex.*	*Tot*	*Adl.*	*Inf.*	*S. Sch*	*Cont.*
Alna	1796, Sept. 27	G. B. Richardson, s. s. ½	1857, Jun. 30	1866, Aug.15	..	..	11	45	56	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	$ 23
Bath, Winter st.	1795, Dec. 8	John O. Fiske.	1843, Aug.17	1843, Aug.17	28	28	99	253	352	76	3	1	4	6	3	0	9	1	6	320	1106
Bath, Central	1835, July 8	William Hart.	1841.	1870, Nov. 2	10	..	50	135	185	53	0	0	0	4	8	0	12	0	0	150	500
Boothbay, First	1766, July 28	Andrew J. Smith, s. s. ½	1866, Nov. 7	1868, Aug.	5	..	10	15	25	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	40	19
Boothbay, Second	1848, Aug. 1	Andrew J. Smith, s. s. ½	1866, Nov. 7	1868, Aug.	..	..	20	30	50	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	32
Bremen	1829, Mar. 3	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	3	10	13	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(1) Bristol	1796, Aug. 17	Wm. S. Spaulding, s. s.	1843, Sep. 18	1870, May.	23	..	18	36	54	0	1	4	5	2	1	0	3	1	0	36	12
Edgecomb	1783, June 4	Joseph Loring, s. s.	1833, Sep. 10	1865, Mar.12	38	..	18	56	74	17	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	80	143
Lisbon	1839, Dec. 18	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	3	13	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	0
Newcastle, First	1799, June 4	G. B. Richardson, s. s. ½	1857, Jun.30	1866, Aug.15	14	..	14	22	36	12	2	0	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	50	20
Newcastle, Second	1844, May 22	Wm. A. Spaulding.	1870, Aug. 4	1870, Aug. 4	1	1	57	125	182	27	28	4	32	5	2	0	7	16	0	160	90
Phipsburg	1795, July 1	James J. Bell, s. s.	1852. Jun.10	1867, Sep. 29	19	..	37	95	132	24	0	0	0	7	4	0	11	0	0	52	25
Rockland	1838, Mar. 8	Edward F. Cutter, s. s.	1833, M.y 8	1863, Oct 25	38	..	5	92	97	21	8	2	10	1	0	0	1	8	0	130	190
Thomaston	1809. June 15	Javan K. Mason.	1849. Jan. 18	1864, Dec. 6	22	7	22	97	119	20	4	0	4	4	3	2	9	4	0	233	88
(2) Topsham, First	1789, June 26	(3) J. W. H. Baker, s. s.	1865. Jun.29	1870, July 1	6	..	23	68	91	25	0	1	1	1	2	0	3	1	1	60	118
Union, First	1803, Mar. 3	Flavius V. Norcross.	1860, Oct 31	1860, Oct. 31	11	11	18	47	65	6	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	120	25
Waldoboro', First	1807, Apr. 10	(4) Charles Packard.	1846, May 6	1868, June 9	25	3	45	132	177	38	0	0	0	4	2	0	6	0	4	165	147
Waldoboro', Second	1856, Mar. 4	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	7	10	17	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Warren, Second	1828, Feb. 27	Edwin S. Beard.	1863, Apr. 2	1864, Aug.16	8	7	43	107	150	35	1	0	1	7	1	0	8	1	0	92	85
Washington	1817, Aug. 16	A. H. Tibbetts, s. s.	Licentiate.	1871.	..	..	5	18	23	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52
Wiscasset	1773, Aug. 4	William H. Bolster, s.s.	Licentiate.	1871.	..	..	21	82	103	26	0	0	0	1	6	0	7	0	3	107	716
Woolwich	1765, June 12	Henry O. Thayer, s. s.	1866. July26	1867, Sep. 15	5	..	29	69	98	6	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	92	41
Twenty-two.		*7 Past., 10 S. S. = 17.*		*Av. Min'l & Past'l age.*	17	9½	558	1557	2115	432	47	12	59	54	35	2	91	32	14	2067	$3432

Average as Stated Supply, one year. * (1) Bristol 1st and 2d churches united Jan'y 7, 1871, after 20 years' separation. (2) Pres. Ch. some years previous.
(3) To First Ch., Brewer, from Sept. 1, 1871. (4) Closed labors Nov., 1870, though not dismissed as Pastor; S. S. in New Alstead, N. H., from Jan'y, 1871.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Rev. Daniel F. Potter, Topsham, ordained 1852, October 25.

NO SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING held.

FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING, with the Second Ch., Newcastle, June 13, 14, 1871. Sermons, Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath; Rev. Andrew J. Smith, of Boothbay; Rev. Prof. Wm. M. Barbour, of Bangor. Topics discussed,—1. How much emphasis shall be laid upon the value of emotional appeal? 2. Should the church require two sermons upon the Lord's day? 3. What method shall we adopt to reach the men we see? 4. How shall we secure a better observance of the Sabbath? 5. What is the obligation of the church to the Temperance cause? 6. Bible cause. 7. Sabbath School. Reports of the churches. Lord's Supper observed.

WILLIAM A. SPAULDING (Dartmouth, 1867; Bangor, 1870), ordained Pastor Second Ch., Newcastle, Aug. 9, 1870. Rev. Chas. Packard, of Waldoboro', *Moderator* of Council; Rev. Flavius V. Norcross, of Union, *Scribe*. Prayer, Rev. Joseph Loring, of Edgecomb; Reading Scriptures, Rev. Andrew J. Smith, of Boothbay; Sermon, Rev. Prof. William M. Barbour, "I can do all things through Christ;" Ordaining Prayer, by Moderator; Charge, Rev. William S. Spaulding (father of Mr. S.), of Bristol; Right hand, Rev. Gilbert B. Richardson, of 1st Ch., Newcastle; Address to people, Rev. George E. Street, of Wiscasset; Prayer, Rev. Samuel H. Merrill, of Portland; Benediction, by Pastor.

Rev. WILLIAM HART, of Washington, D. C., installed as Pastor of Central Ch., Bath, November 2, 1870. Reading Scriptures, Rev. Henry O. Thayer, of Woolwich; Sermon, Rev. President Samuel Harris, of Brunswick; theme,—the superiority of Christian virtue; Installing Prayer, Rev. John W. H. Baker, of Topsham; Charge, Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath; Right hand, Rev. George E. Street, of Wiscasset; Address to people, Rev. Wm. C. Curtiss, of Richmond; Prayer, Rev. C. W. Munger, of Method. Ch.; Benediction, by Pastor.

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FRANKLIN CONFERENCE.—Continued from page 39.

The meeting-house in Strong, with $100 contributed, has been newly carpeted, and has funds in part for an organ. Sixty dollars was contributed also for the Sabbath school. The church feels the loss of valuable members, through emigration, but takes comfort in feeling that their loss is other's gain.

Franklin County Sabbath School Convention, held at Farmington Falls, Nov. 8, 9, 1870. J. C. Wheeler, of Chesterville, *President;* Rev. H. Toothaker, of New Sharon, *Secretary.*

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Chesterville, Deacon I. French; Farmington, R. Goodenow; Farmington Falls, M. Woodman; Industry, George W. Luce; New Sharon, Rev. H. Toothaker; New Vineyard, John McLain; Phillips, Joseph Worthley; Strong, Winthrop Norton; Temple, Abel Sampson; Weld, Timothy H. Frye; Wilton, E. P. Packard.

Alvin Dyer, of Strong, *Scribe of Conference;* Rev. George N. Marden, of Farmington, *Reporter;* Dea. John Titcomb, of Farmington, *Treasurer.* Next meeting in Strong, June 10, 11, 1872.

FRANKLIN COUNTY (UNION) ASSOCIATION, organized March 1, 1864, meets on the first Tuesday in January, and each alternate month succeeding. It embraces ministers of all the evangelical denominations in the county. Rev. G. N. Marden, of Farmington, *Scribe,* p. t.

HANCOCK CONFERENCE.—Continued from page 40.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Amherst and Aurora, Dea. Sylvanus Butler, Aurora; Bluehill, Dea. J. P. Thomas; Brooksville, West, Thaddeus Shepardson; Buck-port, Edward Swasey; Castine, Rev. A. E. Ives; Deer Isle, 1st ch., Dea. Geo. Barbour; Deer Isle, 2d ch., Wm. E. Powers, North Deer Isle; Ellsworth, Rev. S. Tenney; Isle au Haut, Elcy S. Turner; Orland, A. P. Emerson; Sedgwick and Brooksville, Dea. S. Allen, North Brooksville; Sedgwick Village, D. J. Cunningham, Brookline; Tremont and Mt. Desert, Dea. David King, S. W. Harbor.

Rev. Henry S. Loring, of Amherst, *Scribe* and *Treasurer of Conference.* Next meeting in West Brooksville, October 24, 25, 1871.

HANCOCK ASSOCIATION, organized in Sedgwick, Sept. 21, 1797,—meetings, first week in June, and second week in August, November, and February. Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine, *Scribe.*

KENNEBEC CONFERENCE.—Continued from page 41.

Rev. THOMAS G. GRASSIE, formerly of Richmond, at Methuen, Mass., Aug. 1870. Rev. Peter McVicar, in Pittston, 1858-9, called to church in Denver, Colorado,—subsequently to Washburn College (Feb'y, 1871).

The Evangelical ministers of Augusta, Hallowell, and Gardiner, hold monthly meetings, Dec. 1870. The Congregationalists and Baptists of Gardiner held Union Meetings. Rev. Mr. Whittier, Evangelist, aiding the pastors, January, 1871. Different denominations united in Albion, to form a Sabbath School Association, January, 1871.

Religious interest reported in Monmouth, Pittston, and Gardiner.

Mrs. Thomas Bond, died in Hallowell, Nov. 30 1870, æt. 86. Mrs. Catherine L., wife of Rev. Thos. Adams, of Waterville, died in Augusta, Dec., 1870. Mrs. Prudence Brown Thurston, widow of the late Rev. David Thurston, of Winthrop, died May 27, 1871, aged 85, at the house of her daughter, Mrs. Harriet Southworth, West Springfield, Mass. Funeral services were held at Winthrop, conducted by Rev. T. Adams, and Rev. E. P. Baker. Dea. Smith Baker, the father of Rev. Smith Baker, jr., died in Litchfield, July 3, 1871, aged 80 years. He was deacon of the church in L. forty-five years, and teacher in the Sabbath school,—several times Moderator of Kennebec Conference.

The church in Winthrop, held their second annual reunion March 7; about 150 former members were present. Memorial services were held at Winthrop, April 2, upon the occasion of placing a tablet, suitably inscribed, the gift of Hon. Seth May, in memory of Rev. David Thurston, who was pastor of that church forty-four years. Discourse by Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Searsport,—a brother; published by B. Thurston, Portland, 31 pp. 8vo, with portrait and engraving of tablet. B. F. Cushman, Esq., gives $900 to this church, which, with other gifts, secures the house and lot, near the church, for a parsonage.—Ch. M., April 11. The centennial celebration of the settlement of of Winthrop, was observed May 20. The report of the services and observances, including the ecclesiastical history of the town, is reported in the Lewiston Journal, May 22; Portland Press, May 22; Kennebec Journal, May 22; Ch. Mirror, May 23; and Boston papers. The address was by Hon Samuel P. Benson, of Brunswick, formerly a resident of Winthrop.

The Kennebec County Bible Society held its anniversary in Augusta, June 25. Hon. J. W. Bradbury, President. Addresses by President Harris, of Bowdoin College, and Rev. W. H. Gilbert, Ag't A. B. S.

County S. S. Convention, in Winthrop, Dec. 7, 8, 1870. State S. S. Convention in Gardiner, May 16-19, 1871. Mass S. S. Convention in Litchfield, June 14.

The fifth annual meeting of the Young Mens' Christian Association of Maine, held in Augusta, Oct. 27, 28. Andrew J. Chase, of Portland, President. Exercises appropriate to the occasion. The first topic largely discussed was, What is the association, and what is intended to be accomplished by it.

State Temperance Convention in Augusta, January, 1871.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Augusta, E. A. Nason; Benton, A. D. Hinds; Clinton, A. M. Billings; Gardiner, Rev. A. L. Park; Hallowell, J. D. Russell; Litchfield, John Hancock; Monmouth, Dea. M. J. Metcalf; Pittson, Dea. David A. White; Richmond, Dea. B. F. Tallman; Sidney, L. Sawtelle; Vassalboro', Otis Hawes; Waterville, J. B. Bradbury; Windsor, ; Winslow, Rev. J. Dinsmore; Winthrop, Dea. Stephen Sewall.

Rev. Austin L. Park, of Gardiner, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.* Semi-annual meeting in Waterville, Oct. 24, 25, 1871.

Kennebec Association formed in Pittston, July 24, 1816, merged in Kennebec and Somerset Association.

KENNEBEC AND SOMERSET ASSOCIATIONS united, April 23, 1867, at Waterville. Meets fourth Tuesday of January, April, and October, and the second Monday in July. Rev. John Dinsmore, of Winslow. *Scribe.*

LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC CONFERENCE.—Continued from page 42.

Rev. WILLIAM HART, installed Pastor Bath Central ch., Nov. 2, p. 42: Graduated from Hamilton College, 1856; Auburn Seminary, 1860. *Moderator* of Installing Council, Rev. John W. H. Baker, of Topsham; *Scribe,* Rev. William Curtis, of Richmond. [Continued on next page.]

Rev. GEORGE E. STREET, dismissed by council, February 28, 1871, from the pastorate of the church in Wiscasset. Rev. Joseph Loring, of Edgecomb, *Moderator of Council*; Rev. Andrew J. Smith of Boothbay, *Scribe*. (Ch. Mir., March 14.) Mr. S. installed pastor Second Church, Exeter, N. H., March 30, 1871. Sermon, Rev. J. O. Fiske, of Bath. William H. Bolster, from Bangor Seminary, 1871, supplied the church in Wiscasset from June 1, occasionally; expects to remain permanently from September 1st.

Rev. CHARLES PACKARD left Waldoboro', November, 1870, after a pastorate of three years,—and commenced labors in New Alstead, N. H., January, 1871.

Rev. GILBERT B. RICHARDSON, acting pastor of the First Church, Newcastle, since 1866, accepts a call to Cumberland Center, July, 1871.

Rev. JOHN W. H. BAKER, stated supply the past year in Topsham, accepts a call to First Church, Brewer, July, 1871.

Rev. DANIEL F. POTTER, of Topsham, resigns as School Supervisor in Sagadahoc County, January, 1871.

Rev. A. F. BEARD, formerly of Bath, is pastor in Plymouth Church, Syracuse, N. Y.,—prospering. Rev. JOHN DODGE (Waldoboro', 1842 to 1852), installed pastor Union Church, New Braintree, Mass., May 3, 1871. Rev. THOMAS LIGHTBODY (Waldoboro', 1857–8), in Lamoille, Ill., June, 1871.

Rev. THOMAS MCLEAN (Thomaston, 1859–61), installed pastor in Hampton, N. H., Dec. 15, 1870. Rev. MARTIN L. RICHARDSON (Woolwich, 1860–63), member House Massachusetts Representatives, from Sturbridge, 1871.

CHURCHES.—Religious interest reported in Damariscotta, Newcastle, Rockland, Thomaston, and Union. *Bristol*.—The First and Second Churches united after a separation of seventeen years. *Edgecomb*.—A social gathering of the Female Cent Society, held Dec. 2, 1870, at the house of the minister, Rev. J. Loring. A collation provided by the ladies. Remarks, by Rev. G. E. Street, of Wiscasset, and Rev. G. B. Richardson, of Newcastle. Their object is to aid the Maine Missionary Society. Dea. Rufus Sewall, clerk of the church, has prepared a history of this church, organized in 1783, which is published. *Newcastle*.—Revival in this place, resulted in the conversion of about 150; forty young men, and as many heads of families among the number. Here, Rev. Kiah Bayley, one of the founders of the Seminary, labored; Rev. Jotham Sewall, and Rev. Wheelock Craig, each gone to receive their rest and reward. *Rockland*.—The Young Men's Christian Association labored, in connection with the churches, to promote a religious interest. *Waldoboro'*.—Dr. Charles H. Whitney, Evangelist, of Cambridgeport, Mass., and Rev. J. W. Tarleton, of Waverley, Mass., aided the churches, in April and May, in promoting a revival. *Wiscasset*.—A record of the attendance upon public worship, from May 9, to Sept., 1870, showed an average in the morning, of 114; afternoon, 117; maximum, A. M., 251; P. M., 189; minimum, A. M., 41; P. M., 36. Rev. C. Balkam, supplied this church in March, 1871; of which he was pastor ten years (1845 to 1854). *Union*.—Religious interest commenced soon after the dedication of their meeting-house, in the autumn, and pervaded the whole town.

MEETING-HOUSES.—*Bristol*.—The old meeting-house of the "Walpole Parish," in the northwest part of the town, on Damariscotta river began in 1776, and finished in 1785, is to be repaired,—the high pulpit, the great sounding-board, and the large circular window in the rear, and the galleries which are all round the house, are to be retained. *Rockland*.—The interior to be frescoed, and otherwise improved. *Thomaston*.—Question considered whether the house be repaired, or build anew in a more central location, Dec. 1870. A fire damaged the building slightly, Jan., 1871. *Union*.—House repaired and remodeled,—next year propose to have a new spire, Nov., 1870. *Waldoboro', First Church*.—Five hundred dollars expended in repairs. *Warren*.—Renovated and improved. *Wiscasset*.—From an entertainment, by the ladies, $300 was added to the fund for repairs on the church edifice. *Woolwich*.—This church, whose history extends back 105 years, have been doing memorial work, in improving its house of worship. A vestry has been added to the South meeting-house, and a recess for the enlargement of the pulpit, and platform space, and the whole interior improved. In the North house, the elevated ponderous structure of the pulpit has been removed, and its place supplied by a convenient platform and desk, so that minister and people will be in sympathetic distance. No bell sends forth its welcome sound in the town, with its six houses of worship. Dec., 1870. (Ch. M., Jan. 3, 1871.)

Memorial year fund, $1820.—Union expended $1200 on their church edifice; Warren, $1200: Woolwich, $800. Winter St. Church, Bath, two deceased members left $1714 as legacies to benevolent purposes.

NECROLOGY.—Rev. James J. Hill (native place, Phipsburg), died in Fayette, Iowa, Oct. 29, 1870, aged 55. Mrs. Melinda C., wife of Rev. David M. Mitchell (Waldoboro', 1816–41), died Feb. 21, 1871. Obit. Ch. M., March 14). Mrs. Sarah, mother of Rev. John Boynton (Phipsburg, 1825–40), and of Rev. Alden Boynton (Industry), died at the residence of the former, in Felton, Del., May 22, 1871, aged 94.

The Lincoln County Bible Society, canvassing the county to supply. Hon. Henry Tallman, of Bath, *President*; Rev. Henry O. Thayer, of Woolwich, *Secretary*.

Sabbath School Convention, Bath, Sept. 13-15, 1870. Knox County S. S. Convention, Rockland, Oct. 27, 1870. Ch. M., Nov. 8.

Rev. Javan K. Mason, of Thomaston, represented the State in the Prison Congress, held in the West, Nov., 1870. He also made report in behalf of the clergymen who have officiated as chaplains in the State prison, during the year, which is published, March, 1871.

Lincoln West Association met in Bath, February, 1871; in Topsham, May, 1871.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Alna, Dea. Jeremiah Pearson; Bath, Winter St., Rev. J. O. Fiske; Bath, Central, G. H. Palmer; Boothbay, 1st ch., David Adams; Boothbay, 2d ch., Jas. T. Beath; Bremen, J. P. Hilton; Bristol, Leonard Chamberlain; Edgecomb, Rufus Sewall; Lisbon, ; Newcastle, 1st ch., Joseph Curtis; Newcastle, 2d ch., Rev. Wm. A. Spaulding; Phipsburg, Nathaniel C. Reed; Rockland, Geo. W. Kimball; Thomaston, J. A. Fuller; Topsham, A. W. Dennett; Union, Augustus Vaughn; Waldoboro', 1st ch., Dea. R. C. Webb; Waldoboro', 2d ch., Jacob Winchenbeau; Warren, J. P. Starrett; Washington, Calvin Starrett; Wiscasset, J. W. Taggard; Woolwich, Jotham P. Trott.

Rev. Edward F. Cutter, of Rockland, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference*; Rev. Henry O. Thayer, of Woolwich, *Reporter*.

LINCOLN ASSOCIATION formed in Warren, May 1, 1814,—meets third Tuesday in January, and second Tuesday in May and September.

LINCOLN (WEST) ASSOCIATION formed at Phipsburg, May 1, 1844,—meetings, first Tuesday in February, May, and November.

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Churches.—1871, May 7.—Ministers.				Church Mem., May 7, 1871.																	
[illegible] and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Inst.	or S. S	M. A	P. A	Male	Fml	Tot	Abs	Prf	Let.	Tot	Dth	Dis	Ex.	Tot	Add	Inf.	S. Sch	Cont.
[illegible]	1800, Nov. 8	Henry Farrar, s. s.	1867, Nov. 6	1870, Sep. 25	4	..	33	51	84	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	75	$ 53
[illegible], First	1790, Oct. 7	Walter H. Ayers, s. s.	Licentiate.	1871, May 14	..	..	47	93	140	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	70	105
[illegible], Second	1849, Jan. 31	David Garland.		1849, Aug. 15	22	22	22	51	73	12	0	0	0	4	2	0	6	0	1	100	97
[illegible]eld	1806, May 8	John Elliot, s. s.		1831, Aug. 28	1867, June 2	..	..	3	16	19	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	40	7
[illegible]d	1818, June 20	R. A. Pearse, s. s.	Licentiate.	1870.	..	..	4	20	24	7	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	40	15
[illegible]rham, N. H	1862, Mar. 18	Geo. F. Tewksbury, s. s.	1838, Jan. 31	1868, Sept. 1	33	..	6	34	40	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	60
Norway, First	1804, Oct. 6	Vacant.			..	..	13	44	57	17	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	75	30
Norway, Second	1853, Jan. 12	Thomas T. Merry, s. s.	1864. Jun. 9	1866, Nov. 1	..	..	12	50	62	16	2	4	6	3	7	0	10	1	1	150	60
Oxford	1826, May 31	(1) G. A. Lockwood, s. s.	1870, Nov. 16	1870. June 1	7	..	15	34	49	25	2	7	9	1	0	0	1	0	0	94	35
Rumford	1803, Aug. 5	John Elliot, s. s.		1831, Jun. 28	1869, Nov. 30	1	..	13	20	33	2	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	0	40	4
Shelburne, N. H	1818, Aug. 26	D. R. Atkins, s. s.	Licentiate.	1871–3 mos	40	..	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Paris	1812. Nov. 4	John B. Wheelwright.		1850, Sep. 16	1867, Dec. 4	21	3	53	100	153	24	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	150	126
Sumner	1802, Sept. 9	Amasa Loring, s. s.		1842, Jun. 15	1870, Nov.	29	..	25	55	80	21	2	0	2	4	1	0	5	1	3	70	43
Turner	1803, Oct. 18	Isaiah Record, s. s.	Licentiate.	1871.		..	..	39	76	115	31	0	2	2	1	2	0	3	0	0	75	5
Upton	1861, Mar. 19	(2) S. W. Dickinson, s. s.	Licentiate.	1870.		..	..	3	11	14	5	9	5	14	1	0	0	1	0	10	35	34
Fifteen.		*2 Past., 11 S. S. = 13.*	*Ar. Min'l & Past'l age.*		20	12	288	659	947	181	17	18	34	20	14	0	34	3	17	1079	$674

Average as Stated Supply, two years. (1) Rev. Thos. T. Merry, s. s. part of the year. (2) W. P. Sprague, *Lic.*, s. s. part of the year.

Without Charge.—Rev. Sam'l L. Gould, Bethel, ordained 1839, Oct. 23.

Semi-annual Meeting, in Andover, Oct. 25, 26, 1870. Elbridge Poor, *Moderator;* Rev. David Garland, *Scribe pro tem.* Opening Sermon, Rev. Henry H. Hutchinson, of Sumner, 2 Cor., 5:17,—The new man; Conference Sermon, Rev. John Elliot, of Rumford, Luke 15:22,—The robe and the ring. Topics of remark,—1. What are some of the greater, and more prominent hindrances to growth in grace. 2. What are the most effectual means to be employed in the removal of those hindrances. 3. Individual responsibility to God. 4. Consecration to Christ. 5. Sabbath Schools. Communion service, Revs. H. H. Hutchinson, of Sumner, and G. B. Tolman, of Bethel.—(Ch. M., Nov. 1.)

Forty-seventh Annual Meeting, in South Paris, June 13, 14, 1871. Daniel F. Brown, of Bethel, *Moderator;* Fred. E. Shaw, of Paris, *Scribe.* Sermon, Rev. William H. Ayer, of Bethel, Ps. 23:1,—Gratitude and fidelity to God. Topics discussed,—1. What has Jesus done for us? 2. His claims upon us. 3. Attendance upon Sabbath services. Singing by a large choir of ladies. In the evening,—the relation of the Sabbath School to the church; parents; teachers; the world. Singing by a choir of young children. On Wednesday evening, the anniversary of the Oxford Co. Bible Society; David F. Brown, of Bethel, *President.* Reports of the churches.—(Lewiston Jour., June 15.)

George A. Lockwood, from the Union Theo. Seminary, ordained Evangelist in Oxford, November 16, 1870. Rev. Geo. F. Tewksbury, of Gorham, N. H., *Moderator* of Council; Rev. Thomas T. Merry, of Norway, *Scribe.* Invocation, and Reading of Scriptures, by Moderator; Sermon, Rev. S. R. Dennen, of Woburn, Mass., Col. 2:9; Ordaining Prayer, Rev. Ernest F. Borchers, of North Bridgton; Charge, Rev. John B. Wheelwright, of South Paris; Right hand, by Scribe; Prayer, Rev. Benj. Freeman, of the Methodist Ch., Oxford.—(Lewiston Jour., Nov. 30.) Mr. L. remains in Oxford another year, July, 1871.

Rev. Eugene H. Titus, dismissed from First Ch., Bethel, December 6, 1870. Rev. John B. Wheelwright, of S. Paris, *Moderator* of Council; Rev. L. R. Eastman, jr., *Scribe.* (Mr. T. in Massachusetts.) Rev. G. B. Tolman, and Rev. E. S. Jordan, supplied this church for a time.

Churches. *Second Ch., Bethel.*—Rev. David Garland has, for twenty-two years, been Pastor of this church, and has been able to preach every Sabbath during that time. The choir of the church have followed the promptness of their minister, and have been in their places (save once) to lead in the songs of Zion. No serious jar is known to have occurred among them, in all that time. *Gorham, N. H.*—Rev. Geo. F. Tewksbury, acting Pastor, was provided with a house by his brother, Dr. S. H. Tewksbury, of Portland. A social gathering at the house on Christmas. *Sumner.*—Rev. H. H. Hutchinson closed his labors here Aug., 1870, and went to W. Brooksville; his place supplied by Rev. Amasa Loring, Dec., 1870. One hundred dollars has been raised to procure a musical instrument for use in public worship. *Turner.*—Isaiah Record, s. s. Jan'y, 1871. Rev. Abram Maxwell, s. s. June, 1871. [Cont. on p. 47.]

PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, second Tuesday in June.—Organized in Brownville, January 11, 1825.—Semi-annual Meeting, second Tuesday in January.

CHURCHES.—1871, May 7.—MINISTERS. CHURCH MEM., May 7, 1871. Admitted.—1870.—Removed. Baptized.

Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Inst. or S. S	M.A	P.A.	Mle	Fml	Tot	Abs	Prf	Let.	Tot	Dth	Dis	Ex.	Tot	Adl	Inf	S.Sch	Cont.
Bangor, First Church....	1811, Nov. 7	S. P. Newman Smyth.	1868, Jan. 29	1870, Mar. 3	3	1	64	180	244	40	1	1	2	7	6	0	13	0	0	125	$ 832
Bangor, Hammond st....	1833, Dec. 5	Solomon P. Fay.	1849, Sep. 6	1866, Nov. 8	22	5	98	220	318	45	5	11	16	7	16	0	23	1	5	335	1500
Bangor, Central.....	1847, Apr. 1	George W. Field.	1853, Nov. 15	1864, Mar. 29	18	7	91	168	259	40	8	9	17	4	8	0	12	0	0	400	1800
Brewer, First.....	1800, Sept. 9	John R. Herrick, s. s. Wm. M. Barbour, s. s.	1854, Jun. 21 1861, Oct. 2	1869, Feb. 1	17 10	.. ..	43	90	133	30	2	1	3	1	2	0	3	2	0	150	246
Brewer, Village.....	1843, Jan. 18	Clarendon A. Stone, s.s.	Licentiate.	1871.	..	..	20	58	78	10	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	6	125	58
Carmel.....	1853, May 3	No ordinances.	.....	.....	..	..	1	8	9	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dedham.....	1841, Dec. 13	James Wells.	1849, Apr. 1	1858, Dec. 9	22	13	21	36	57	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	122
Dixmont and Plymouth.	1861, Sept. 10	Wm. S. Sewall, s. s.	1839, Sep. 25	1864, June 1	32	..	1	6	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	70	3
Hampden.....	1817, May 6	Stephen L. Bowler, s. s.	1863, Jan. 5	1865, Sept. 1	18	..	22	69	91	25	3	0	3	1	1	0	2	3	0	160	160
Holden.....	1825, Nov. 11	Joseph S. Cogswell.	1868, Nov. 18	1870, Jan. 6	3	1	31	62	93	20	1	0	1	1	2	0	3	0	0	130	23
Kenduskeag.....	1854, Dec. 23	Edward G. Smith, s. s.	Licentiate.	1870.	..	..	18	34	52	10	2	1	3	3	0	0	3	1	0	80	20
Old Town.....	1834, Sept. 24	(1) Sam'l H. Merrill, s. s.	1831, Feb 22	1870, July 1	40	..	14	46	60	27	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	70	45
Orono.....	1826, May 18	Smith Baker, jr.	1860, July 26	1868, Aug. 1	11	3	22	70	92	24	10	3	13	0	0	0	0	8	2	240	157
Orrington, East.....	1834, June 12	(2) C. A. Stone, s.s.	Licentiate.	1871.	..	..	15	52	67	20	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	50	44
Upper Stillwater.....	1859, Oct. 6	Smith Baker, jr., s. s.	1860, July 26	1870, May 1	11	..	5	17	22	1	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	80	0
Veazie.....?	1838, June 19	George J. Pierce, s. s.	Licentiate.	1871.	..	..	16	33	49	31	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	*80	0
Sixteen.		6 Past., 9 S. S. = 15.	Av. Min'l &	Last'l age.	17	5	482	1149	1631	350	33	28	61	29	43	0	72	16	13	2158	$5010

Average as Stated Supply, two years. (1) Chs. S. Newhall, *Lic.* from May 28, 1871. (2) Edward P. Eastman, *Lic.* first of the year. * Union.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.—Enoch Pond, ordained March 1, 1815; Dan'l Smith Talcott, Dec. 7, 1836; John Russell Herrick, June 31, 1854; William Macleod Barbour, Oct. 2, 1861; Levi Leonard Paine, Oct. 9, 1861 (professors in the Theological Seminary, Bangor); Richard Woodhull, July 7, 1830 (treasurer and agent Theological Seminary, Bangor); John Kent Lincoln, Sept. 20, 1862.—all of Bangor.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, in Orono, January 10, 11, 1871. Rev. James Wells, of Dedham, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, Rev. Professor Levi L. Paine, Eph. 1:22, 23. Theme,—The Church. Tuesday evening, Rev. Prof. Wm. M. Barbour,—on Prayer,—Acts 6:4. Conference Sermon, Rev. S. P. Newman Smyth, of Bangor, Eph. 2:14,—"He is our peace." Topics for remark,—1. What are the obstacles to a deeper work of grace in our churches. 2. The church and reforms. 3. Consecration. Under the latter head, Dr. Treat, one of the Secretaries of the Am. Bd. C. F. M., presented the cause of Missions. 4. The Prayer meeting. 5. Our denomination. Each of the above subjects was introduced by laymen. 6. The immediate conversion of the impenitent. The Question Box opened, and remarks offered. Verbal reports of the churches, Wednesday, A. M. Ordinance of the Supper, conducted by Revs. P. B. Prayer, of Piscataquis Conference, and Sam'l H. Merrill, of Old Town.—(Ch. M., January 24, 1871.)

FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING, in Dedham, June 13, 14, 1871. Rev. J. Wells, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, Rev. Professor John E. Herrick, of Bangor, John 12:3,—. House filled with the odor of the ointment. Conference Sermon, Rev. S. P. Fay, of Bangor, John 12:32,—If I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me. Topics for discussion,—1. The necessity and importance of the aid of the Holy Spirit, in all Christian efforts. 2. Personal holiness,—what is it? and what the means of its increase? 3. The power of Christian example in labors for the conversion of souls. 4. Our duties to each other. 5. How can we best reach with the gospel, habitual neglecters of the sanctuary, and other means of grace. 6. How can the stronger churches best aid in keeping alive, and in strengthening the weaker. Question Box. General remarks. Report by Scribe of the state of the churches. Lord's Supper, administered by Revs. Joseph S. Cogswell, of Holden, and Smith Baker, jr., of Orono.

Rev. SMITH BAKER, JR., dismissed from the pastorate of the church in Orono, June, 1871. Dea. Nahum Warren, *Moderator* of Council; Rev. S. P. Fay, of Bangor, *Scribe*. Mr. B. accepts a call to First Ch., Lowell, Mass.,—to commence labors Sept. 1.

Rev. STEPHEN L. BOWLER, closes his labors in Hampden, July, 1871. Accepts a call to Second Ch., Westbrook (Saccarappa), Sept. 1.

Rev. JOHN W. H. BAKER, from Topsham, accepts a call from First Ch., Brewer, Sept. 1.

Rev. JOHN G. LEAVITT, from Patton, accepts a call to Orono, Aug. 1.

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OXFORD CONFERENCE.—Continued from page 45.

. G. Snow and wife, from Micronesia, interested the churches in Bethel, in November, their addresses.
rlando Hight, died in Gilead, Nov. 1, 1870, aged 38. A valuable member of the church, d Sabbath school. Ch. Mir., Nov. 15. The mother of S. G. Norcross, formerly of Turner, McIndoes Falls, Vt., where he is now settled. Her remains were interred at Turner, her ome, May, 1871.
d County Sabbath School Convention, in Bethel, Oct. 11, 12. Evangelical S. S. Convention Sumner, Jan. 19, 1871.
hes report for memorial year, $381.
ES OF THE CHURCHES.—Andover, Chas. A. Newhall; Bethel, 1st ch., Albert L. Burbank; d ch., Rev. David Garland; Dixfield, ; Gilead, Rev. Henry Richardham, N. H., Rev. G. F. Tewksbury; Norway, 1st ch., O. Perry; Norway, 2d ch., T. G. s; Oxford, Silas P. Hall; Rumford, Dea. Henry Martin; Shelburne, N. H., Mrs. Maria F. South Paris, O. C. Bolster; Sumner, S. G. Cushman; Turner, N. W. Adams; Upton, trickland.
rick E. Shaw, of Paris Hill, *Scribe and Treasurer:* Dea. T. G. Goodwin, of Norway, *Ref Sabbath Schools.* Next meeting in Oxford, Oct. 17, 18, 1871.
D ASSOCIATION formed in Norway, June 11, 1822, meets second Tuesday in May, July, ember. Rev. Thomas T. Merry, of Norway, *Scribe.*

PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE.—Continued from page 46.

AMUEL H. MERRILL, left Oldtown, May 1, 1871. Charles S. Newhall (Amherst, 1869), Lic. minary, N. Y., commenced labors there May 28.
DWIN JOHNSON, former pastor Hammond St. Church, Bangor, installed pastor South Bridgport, Conn., Nov. 8, 1870. Rev. LYMAN S. ROWLAND, former pastor First Church, alled to church at Saratoga Springs, New York, March, 1871.—Rev. EDWARD W. GILpredecessor at Bangor, appointed Secretary of American Bible Society, New York, April, v. CHAS. F. BOYNTON (Old Town, 1861-2), installed pastor of the church in Eldara, Iowa, 871; he had, for a time previous to Feb'y 1, 1871, been agent for Iowa College.
rson P. Allen and wife left Bangor, March, 1871, on their return to the Mission in Eastay. Rev. Benj. G. Snow and wife, left Brewer and Bangor, April 14, 1871, on their return icronesian Mission,—each of these did good service, in Bangor and vicinity, by their ad d personal appeals in behalf of Missions. The Women's Board of Missions, formed in eets monthly.
ES.—*Bangor.*—In June, the three Congregational churches united for a season in a union bbath afternoon,—alternating in each church. *Kenduskeag.*—Supplied during the year students from Bangor Seminary. Edward G. Smith, Lic., who was S. S., 1869-70, was Mattapoisett, Mass., April 13, 1871. *Old Town.*—Rev. Samuel H. Merrill, who was -54, supplied them in the winter and spring, 1871. Mr. Newhall, Lic., from New York S. S. from June, 1871. *Orono.*—Have introduced "Songs of the New Life," in place and Select which has been used forty years. Dea. J. R. Farrington, of Brewer, apApril, 1871) Supt. of the State College, of Agriculture and Mechanics, Orono. *Orrington.*—Edward Payson Eastman, S. S. for short time, Aug., 1870; ordained in North Conway, ril 20, 1871. Clarendon A. Stone, Lic., S. S. from May, 1871.
G-HOUSES.—*Bangor.*—Central church, newly carpeted, repainted and frescoed. *Hampended* in repairs and improvements $600,—house reopened July, 1870.
ATIONS.—"A History of God's Church, from its origin to the present time, by Enoch D., Prof. in the Theological Seminary, Bangor, Me.," 1036 pp. octavo, with a portrait. ion; its nature and importance; illustrated by examples from real life; by Enoch Pond, 9 pp. 12mo (Cong. Pub. Society). A work on Revelation, by Dr. Pond, in press. A life. Autobiography of Elisahib Adams, born at Canterbury, Conn., June 6, 1773. angor, Me., Aug. 28, 1855; 100 pp. 12mo, with portrait. Added to this, is a sketch of Adams, 33 pp., by Mrs. E. L. C.
ry C. Wheelwright, wife of Rev. William Clark, formerly of this State, died in Amherst, ril 7, 1871. For many years she resided in Bangor. Obit. Ch. Mirror, May 16, 1871.
E., wife of Suel Smith, and daughter of Dea. James T. Beath, of Boothbay, died June A resident of Bangor several years. Obit. Ch. M., June 20, 1871.
School Convention in Orono, Oct. 18, 19, 1870. Anniversary of the Central S. S., Ban0. 1870, address by Rev. F. T. Hazlewood. Of the Hammond St. S. S., Bangor, Dec. 11, rof. Wm. M. Barbour. Of the First Church S. S., Bangor, Dec. 25, address by Rev. mythe. Orono, Hampden and Brewer, observe their anniversaries. Rev. Professor Bangor Seminary, has given an exposition, weekly in Bangor, of the Sabbath school e following Sabbath,—most of the schools using the National Series.
ary of Young Men's Bible Society, Bangor, held Jan'y 29, 1871, in Norombega Hall. by Rev. Professor Levi L. Paine, and Rev. Newman Smythe, of Bangor, and Rev. Wm. Ag't Am. B. Soc. Anniversary of Penobscot Missionary Association, held in Bangor, 8. Addresses by Rev. S. P. Fay, L. L. Paine, and S. P. N. Smyth, of Bangor. Dismmemorative of the Pilgrim Fathers, were delivered in Bangor, Dec. 18, 1870, by Rev. R. Herrick, and Rev. S. P. Fay. Prof. Eben Tourjee, of Boston, delivered addresses, Jan'y 22, 1871, on Music, in its relations to the church and Christian worship; and conrain-e-meeting in the evening.
essor D. S. Talcott left in June, 1871, for four months' absence in Europe.
ee reported as Memorial fund, $3,575.
OF THE CHURCHES.—Bangor, 1st ch., Sidney W. Thaxter; Bangor, Hammond street F. Duren; Bangor, Central ch., Henry S. Brown; Brewer, 1st ch., C. O. Farrington; ge, Daniel Sargent, 2d; Carmel, S. Chamberlain; Dedham, Benj. P. Todd; Dixmont h, Josiah Parsons, Plymouth; Hampden, John Dudley; Holden, R. Freeman; Ken H. Stanley; Oldtown C. A. Bailey; Orono, Dea. Joseph Greaves; East Orrington, Upper Stillwater, Oliver A. Waterhouse; Veazie, Dea. Nahum Warren.
n, of Bangor, *Scribe of Conference:* Dea. E. F. Duren, of Bangor, *Treasurer.*
First church, Brewer, Jan. 9, 10, 1872.
ATION formed at Bangor, August 8, 1832. Annual meeting on Tuesday preThursday in December,—*other meetings* by adjournment. Rev. Joseph S.

PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, Tuesday and Wednesday preceding the meeting of General Conference —Organized in Foxcroft, Sept. 20, 1812.—Semi-annual Meeting, third Tuesday in Oct.

CHURCHES.—1871, May 7.—MINISTERS. CHURCH MEM., May 7, 1871. Admitted —1870.—Removed. Baptized.

Place and Name.	*Organized.*		*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Inst. or S. S.*	*M A*	*P. A.*	*Mle*	*Fml*	*Tot*	*Abs*	*Prf*	*Let.*	*Tot*	*Dth*	*Dis.*	*Ex.*	*Tot*	*Adl*	*Inf.*	*S. Sch*	*Cont.*
Abbot and Guilford.....	1841, Feb.	2	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	3	9	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	$ 00
Atkinson.....	1842, Mar.	2	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	4	8	12	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00
Blanchard.....	1833, Mar.	13	Amory H. Tyler, s. s.	1856, May 28	1870, July.	..	..	14	20	34	10	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	56	24
Brownville.....	1819, Aug.	24	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	51	96	147	22	0	0	0	2	4	0	6	0	0	150	41
Dexter.....	1834, July	22	(1) A. Redlon, s. s.	F. W. Bap.	1870.	..	..	10	26	36	12	1	0	1	2	1	0	3	0	0	40	6
Foxcroft and Dover.....	1822, Dec.	30	John H. Gurney.	1850, Feb. 22	1869, Oct. 19	21	2	56	125	181	31	5	4	9	3	3	0	6	2	0	130	250
Garland.....	1816, Mar.	1	Peter B. Thayer.	1848, Dec. 12	1848, Dec. 12	23	23	39	59	98	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	100
*Greenville.....	1869, Dec.	5	James Cameron, s. s.	1870, Jun. 15	1870, Mar. 15	1	1	13	22	35	2	13	0	13	0	0	0	0	11	1	40	36
Monson.....	1821, Aug.	11	Amory H. Tyler, s. s.	1856, May 28	1870, July.	15	..	25	36	61	14	4	4	8	0	0	0	0	3	0	85	100
Sangerville.....	1828, Aug.	28	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	4	11	15	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	†50	00
Ten.			*2 Past., 3 S. S. = 5.*	*Av. Min'l & Past'l age.*		15	8	219	412	631	98	24	8	32	7	10	0	17	16	1	631	$557

*Union Evangelical. Average as Stated Supply, one year. (1) Calvin G. Hill, *Lic.* part of the year. † Union School.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Rev. Rufus W. Emerson, Monson, ordained May 28, 1856.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, in Monson, Oct. 18, 19, 1870. Messrs. Chas. Davison, of Monson, *Moderator*; E. W. Stickney, of Brownville, *Scribe p. t.* Opening Sermon, Rev. George Williams, of Somerset, Michigan. Conference Sermon, Rev. James Cameron, of Greenville. Themes for discussion,—Early piety; the danger of our youth from the prevalence and aggressiveness of skepticism. Devotional exercises were frequent. Lord's Supper administered, by Revs. J. H. Gurney, of Foxcroft, and Geo. Williams, of Michigan.

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING, held in Greenville, July 20, 21, 1871. Dea. Charles Davison, of Monson, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, Rev. Luther Keene, of Franklin, Mass., Acts 3:6,—"Silver and gold have I none," &c. Conference Sermon, Rev. Amory H. Tyler, of Monson, Daniel 12:3,—"They that be wise, shall shine," &c. Themes for discussion,—1. The Sabbath,—its importance; proper mode of keeping; its worship; consequences of its desecration. 2. Temperance. 3. Christian benevolence. On Tuesday evening, an address on Temperance, by Rev. Francis N. Peloubet, of Attleborough, Mass.; followed by remarks by Rev. J. H. Gurney, of Foxcroft, and a short, sharp fire at tobacco, by Rev. N. W. Sheldon. Wednesday, A. M., report of the state of the churches, the most cheering feature of which was the revival of religion in Monson. Sacrament of the Supper administered by Revs. P. B. Thayer, of Garland, and R. W. Emerson, of Monson.—(Ch. M., July 11.)

Rev. CHARLES L. NICHOLS, late of Pownal, accepts a call to Brownville, July, 1871.

Rev. L. S. Coan left the charge of this church in Dec., 1870, and went to Bradford, laboring there until June. In July he accepted a call from Somerset, Mass., near [illegible] River, expecting to remain there at least one year. Rev. Thomas M. Davies, a [illegible] of Wales, supplied the pulpit a part of the time during last winter and spring.

holding service also among the Welshmen operating in the slate quarries in B., preaching in their own language. Rev. Nathan W. Sheldon preaches in Sangerville village occasionally. Rev. Mr. Hill also supplied a while. Rev. Charles Duren, formerly of Sangerville, supplied the churches in Quincy and St. Charles, Minnesota, during the year. Rev. Edward S. Palmer, formerly of Foxcroft, now in Berkshire, N. York.

Abbott.—The church aid in sustaining the Baptist minister. *Guilford.*—The church aid the Methodists, who occupy the meeting-house half the time, in sustaining public worship. *Dexter.*—The church unite with the F. W. Baptists in employing Rev. A. Redlon as minister. *Greenville.*—An effort for the better observance of the Sabbath, was commenced here, with good results. Rev. James Cameron, acting Pastor at Greenville, goes to Shirley twice a month, on Friday evening, to preach. The attendance is good, some coming miles to hear.

Religious interest, more or less marked, in Abbott, Guilford, Sangerville, Greenville, and Monson, during the year.

Piscataquis Sabbath School Convention in Brownville, Nov. 1, 2, 1870; in Garland, March 7, 8, 1871.

Piscataquis Association met in Greenville, Aug. 16, 1870; Abbott, Dec. 6, 1870; Monson, Feb. 21, 1871; Brownville, May 23. When at Greenville, after spending one day in discussions and criticisms, an organization was effected, and the remainder of the week on the lake (Moosehead), and in camps in the woods, closing with a service on the Sabbath. The *Captain* was a D. D., and whoever addressed him by his ecclesiastical title was fined, for the benefit of the Maine Miss'y Society. Five dollars was added to its funds.

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SOMERSET CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, Tuesday preceding the second Wednesday in June.—Organized in Norridgewock, October 1, 1823.—Semi-annual Meeting, held or not, as a special committee may determine.

CHURCHES.—1871, May 7.—MINISTERS. CHURCH MEM., May 7, 1871. Admitted.—1870.—Removed. Baptized.

Place and Name	*Organized.*	*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Inst. or S. S.*	*M.A*	*P.A*	*Male*	*Fml*	*Tot*	*Abs*	*Prf*	*Let.*	*Tot*	*Dth*	*Dis*	*Ex.*	*Tot*	*Adl*	*Inf.*	*S. Sch*	*Cont.*
Anson	1804, Apr. 19	Vacant.			..	..	21	40	61	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	$ 17
Athens	1867, June 6	Alex'r R Plumer, s. s.	1854, Dec.13	1868, Sept. 1	17	..	16	30	46	3	0	3	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	105	13
Bingham	1805, July 24	(1) Wm. H. Rand, s. s.	Licentiate.	1870.	..	..	19	23	42	7	0	1	1	2	2	0	4	0	0	50	30
Madison	1826, Apr. 25	Thomas G. Mitchell, s.s.	1846, Nov.18	1851, Nov.16	25	..	28	50	78	31	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	70	30
Madison, East	1858, Mar. 24	Vacant.			..	..	2	10	12	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	75	16
Mercer	1822, Oct. 30	(2) J. Lewis Merrill, s. s.	Licentiate.	1871, May.	..	..	12	16	28	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*40	10
New Portland, North	1869, May 27	(3) G. W. Hathaway, s.s.	1833, Mar.20	1870.	38	..	5	14	19	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	*75	12
Norridgewock	1797, Sept. 22	Benjamin Tappan.	1838, Aug. 8	1858, Oct. 27	33	13	38	87	125	32	3	0	3	3	0	0	3	0	0	160	233
Skowhegan	1860, Nov. 1	Webster Woodbury, s.s.	1868, Sept. 9	1870, Apr. 1	3	..	38	83	121	19	2	0	2	1	5	0	6	2	0	180	177
Solon	1842, Jan. 25	William H. Rand, s. s.	Licentiate.	1870.	..	..	5	7	12	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	10
South Solon	1806, Sept. 30	Alex'r R. Plumer, s. s.	1854, Dec. 13	1870.	..	..	3	12	15	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	35	00
St. Albans	1830, June 29	William S. Sewall. s, s.	1839, Sep. 25	1864, Jun.10	31	..	8	19	27	5	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	30
Twelve.		*1 Past., 7 S. S. = 8.*	*Av. Min'l &*	*Past'l age*	24	13	195	391	586	134	5	10	15	9	10	1	20	2	0	975	$577

Average as Stated Supply, five years. (1) E. N. Smith, *Lic.* part of year. (2) Chs. F. Dole, *Lic.* part of 1870; Rev. B. Tappan, 10 weeks, 1871. (3) D. W. Hardy, *Lic.* part of year. * Union.

LICENTIATES.—L. W. Hicks, s. s., Canaan; C. W. Hill, s. s., The Forks; R. B. Richardson, s. s., Moose River.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, in Norridgewock, Oct. 25, 26, 1870. Rev. Geo. W. Hathaway, of Skowhegan, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, Rev. John Dinsmore, of the Kennebec Conference, Ps. 118:25,—"O Lord, send now prosperity." Conference Sermon, Rev. Alexander Plumer, of Athens,—Parable of the Mustard Seed. Topics for discussion,—1. The need of a baptism of the Holy Spirit. 2. The office of truth as the Spirit's instrument in making us what we ought to be. 3. The means to be used to make the truth living, and working in the soul. 4. *The Christian calling*,—its nature; the importance of more singleness of devotion to it; the need of an increase in the number of those devoting themselves to it; its claims upon the young; upon every age and class. 5. *The local church*,—the pilgrim idea of it; importance of keeping the churches alive and true to this idea; of brotherly love and fellowship among the members; of co-operation of all, in furthering a common end. The communion service administered by Rev. Wm. S. Sewall, of St. Albans, and the Moderator.—(Ch. M., Nov. 8.)

FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING, in North New Portland, June 13, 14, 1871. Rev. Thomas G. Mitchell, of Madison, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, Rev. Webster Woodbury, of Skowhegan,—"For me to live, is Christ." Conference Sermon, by Moderator,—"Go ye also into the vineyard." Topics for remark,—How shall we, at this day, secure in our own hearts an immovable conviction of the truth of the gospel? How shall we establish the same, in the minds of others? Do the present members of these churches come up to those who went before, in zeal and sacrifice? Has the gospel the same hold upon the young, as formerly? The County Bible Society held a meeting Tuesday forenoon. Hon. James Bell, of Skowhegan, *President*; Rev. W. Woodbury, *Secretary*. The Society now exploring the county, by their agent, Mr. Jacob Perry, of Pittsfield. A Sabbath School meeting was held in the evening. Report of the churches Wednesday, A. M. At Madison and St. Albans some marked religious interest. Lord's Supper administered, by Revs. Alexander Plumer, and Webster Woodbury.—(Ch. M., June 20.)

Rev. GEORGE W. HATHAWAY, of Skowhegan, Pastor of the church in Bloomfield (now Skowhegan), twenty-seven years (1833 to 1860), and long identified with the interests of Maine, accepts a call to Freetown, Mass, June, 1871.

Rev. FRED. E. STURGESS, Pastor of the church in Skowhegan, 1868 to 1870, has gone to Europe for his health, June, 1871. The wife of Rev. John L. Dudley, stated supply in S. in 1862-3, died in Milwaukie, Wis., July 3, 1871.

Rev. DANIEL DOLE, whose native place is in Bloomfield, has returned after a residence of thirty years in the Sandwich Islands. He supplied the pulpit in Skowhegan a Sabbath or two in July.

Somerset County Sabbath School Convention, in St. Albans, Nov. 8, 1870. The S. S. Association holding town conventions throughout the county, Jan. 1871. Mr. Jacob Berry, in connection with his Bible work, will serve the cause of Sabbath Schools.

CLERKS OF CHURCHES.—Anson, Arthur Dinsmore, of South Anson; Athens, Dr. William B. Leavitt; Bingham, Dea. Nathan Baker; Madison, Dr. Wood; Madison, East, E. Hobart; Mercer, Alfred J. Downes; North New Portland, Dr. W. H. Stevens; Norridgewock, H. N. Page; Skowhegan, Dea. James Bell; Solon, Dr. Mortimer Bodwell; South Solon, W. K. Paul; St. Albans, Joseph Merrill.

Memorial Year fund, $835,22.

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UNION CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, Tuesday preceding 2d Wednesday in June (two days).—Organized in South Bridgton, June 14, 1833.—Semi-annual Meeting, last Tuesday in Oct. (two days).

CHURCHES.—1871, May 7.—MINISTERS. CHURCH MEM., May 7, 1871. Admitted.—1870.—Removed. Baptized.

Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Inst. or S. S	M A	P A	Mle	Fml	Tot	Abs	Prf	Let.	Tot	Dth	Dis	Ex.	Tot	Adl	Inf	S. Sch	Cont.
Albany	1803, Sept. 15	(1) D. R. Atkins, s. s.	Licentiate.	1870.	..	..	14	29	43	15	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	75	$ 17
Bridgton	1784, Aug. 26	Edwin P. Wilson, s. s.	1871, Jan. 26	1869, Sept. 1	1	..	39	92	131	15	1	5	6	3	1	0	4	0	0	140	60
Bridgton, North	1832, Nov. 15	Ernest F. Borchers, ½.	1869, Jan. 14	1869, Jan. 14	2	2	12	37	49	11	1	0	1	3	0	0	3	1	0	40	46
Bridgton, South	1829, Dec. 30	Addison Blanchard.	1868, Sept. 9	1868, Sept. 9	3	3	27	43	70	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	100	40
Brownfield	1804, Oct. 15	Edwin S. Tingley, s. s. ½	1871, Feb. 1	1870, Aug. 7	1	..	19	34	53	5	11	1	12	2	4	0	6	10	1	123	42
Casco	1864, Sept. 22	Alvin B. Jordan, s. s.	Licentiate.	1870.	..	..	10	11	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0
Denmark	1829, July 5	Edwin S. Tingley, s. s. ½	1871, Feb. 1	1870, Aug. 14	..	..	9	29	38	14	9	0	9	2	0	0	2	9	0	50	5
Fryeburg	1775, Aug. 17	David B. Sewall.	1842, Jan. 19	1859, Dec. 8	29	12	70	139	209	34	20	0	20	6	5	0	11	12	4	80	231
Harrison	1826, Feb. 15	Ernest F. Borchers, ½.	1869, Jan. 14	1869, Jan. 14	..	..	22	22	44	21	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	0	0	44	24
Hiram	1826, Oct. 26	(2) R. Henry Davis, s. s.	Licentiate.	1870, July.	..	..	1	7	8	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	10	27
Lovell	1798, Oct. 6	(3) T. D. Childs, s. s.	Licentiate.	1870.	..	..	47	83	130	26	7	0	7	1	0	0	1	5	1	50	104
Naples	1858, Aug. 10	Alvin B. Jordan, s. s.	Licentiate.	1870, July.	..	..	3	13	16	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0
Otisfield	1797, Nov. 23	Chas. Morgridge, s. s. ½	1831, Sep. 20	1870, Oct.	..	..	25	44	69	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	60	0
Stow and Chatham	1861, Oct. 22	Ezra B. Pike, s. s.	1863, Sep. 16	1869, May 18	8	..	19	30	49	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	20
Sweden	1817, Nov. 4	(4) Truman S. Perry, s.s.	Licentiate.	1870, Sep. 18	..	..	24	29	53	14	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	50	52
Waterford	1799, Oct. 2	John A. Douglass.	1821, Nov. 7	1821, Nov. 7	50	50	37	69	106	15	1	0	1	4	0	0	4	0	0	140	234
Waterford, North	1865, June 20	Wellington Newell, s. s.	1856, Nov. 18	1870, Nov. 1	15	..	26	55	81	17	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	2	0	80	5
Seventeen.		4 Past., 10 S. S. = 14.	Av. Min'l &	Past'l age.	14	16	404	766	1170	217	52	6	58	29	17	0	46	39	6	1223	$907

Average as Stated Supply, one year. (1) Rev. Sam'l L. Gould, and Nicholas Pearse, *Lic.*, each, part of the year. (2) H. H. Leavitt, *Lic.*, part of year. (3) Jesse P. Sprowls, *Lic.*, part of year. (4) Jotham Sewall, *Lic.*, part of year.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Rev. William W. Dow, of Waterford, ordained 1866, May 25. Dea. Benjamin Stearns, Lovell, licensed 1864, Jan'y 11.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, in Sweden, Oct. 25, 26, 1870. Sermons,—Rev. E. B. Pike, of Stow, Rom. 9: 1-3; Rev. E. F. Borchers, of N. Bridgton, John 13: 1-16. Chief topics of discussion,—The religious education of children at home, Sabbath School, and church; Worldliness in the church. Lord's Supper ad. by Revs. W. Newell and D. B. Sewall.

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING, in Denmark, June 13, 14. Mr. George B. Barrows, of Fryeburg, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, Rev. S. Perry, of Bridgton,—"Lord save us, we perish." Closing Sermon, Rev. Alpha Morton, of Cumberland Conference,—"So run, that ye may obtain." Questions discussed,—1. What can be done to strengthen the feeble churches of our Conference? 2. How can churches increase their influence in their respective communities? 3. How can ordinary Christians be effective workers for God? 4. Christian fellowship,—how can it be promoted? 5. What can be done to reach those who will not attend the preached word? Should preaching without notes be encouraged? A resolve was carried by the lay members present, recommending a larger proportion of extemporaneous preaching, than is at present used by the ministers of our denomination. The report of the churches shows some gain in membership, and some increase in contributions to benevolent objects. Revivals reported to some extent in Brownfield, Denmark, and Fryeburg. More has been done during the past year in church building, than for many years together before. Three churches completed,—Stow and Chatham, at a cost of $3,500; South Bridgton, $10,000; Bridgton, $18,000. Rev. Joseph Smith, of York Conference, a native of Denmark, and a member still of the church in D., was present. A collation was provided in the vestry at noon of both days,—a convenient and pleasant arrangement.—(Ch. M., July 4.)

DEDICATION AND ORDINATION.—The meeting-house in Bridgton Center dedicated Jan'y 26, 1871. Invocation, Rev. E. F. Borchers, of Bridgton; Reading Scriptures, Rev. Gowen C. Wilson, of Windsor, Conn.; Sermon, Edwin P. Wilson, Ecc. 10: 10,—The folly of using blunt tools; Dedicatory Prayer, Rev. Wm. W. Dow, of North Waterford; Closing service, and Benediction, Rev. Thos. T. Merry, of Norway.

In the evening of same day, EDWIN P. WILSON, Alumnus of Bangor Seminary, 1869, was ordained as an Evangelist,—Rev. Addison Blanchard, *Moderator* of the Council; Rev. Ernest F. Borchers, of Bridgton, *Scribe*. Invocation by Moderator; Reading Scriptures, Rev. Benson M. Frink, of Saco; Sermon, Rev. Kinsley Twining, of Cambridgeport, Mass., Song Sol. 1: 7, 8,—How to constitute the church, as a home for earnest workers; Ordaining Prayer, Rev. David B. Sewall, of Fryeburg; Charge, Rev. Josiah T. Hawes, of Litchfield; Right hand, Rev. Gowen C. Wilson (a brother), of Windsor, Conn.; Benediction, Rev. E. P. Wilson.

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PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE.—Continued from page 48.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Abbot and Guilford, Daniel R. Straw, jr., of G.; Atkinson, R. R. Gould; Blanchard, Daniel Blanchard; Brownville, E. W. Stickney; Dexter, Dea. J. W. Barrows; Foxcroft and Dover, C. H. B. Woodbury, of Dover; Garland, Rev. P. B. Thayer; Greenville, Rev. James Cameron; Monson, Charles Davison; Sangerville, Dea. Joseph Fowler.

Rev. Rufus W. Emerson, of Munson, *Scribe of Conference*; C. H. B. Woodbury, of Dover, *Treasurer*. Next meeting in Dexter, October, 17, 18, 1871.

PISCATAQUIS ASSOCIATION formed at Monson, January 25, 1841. Annual meeting third Tuesday in February; other meetings quarterly. Rev. John H. Gurney, of Foxcroft, *Scribe*.

SOMERSET CONFERENCE.—Continued from page 49.

SOMERSET AND FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION formed at Strong, May 4, 1853; SOMERSET ASSOCIATION united with FRANKLIN, was formed July 10, 1844,—these are now merged in the KENNEBEC AND SOMERSET ASSOCIATION, formed at Waterville, April 23, 1867; meets fourth Tuesday of January, April, and October, and second Monday in July. Rev. John Dinsmore, of Winslow, *Scribe*. Rev. Benjamin Tappan, of Norridgewock, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference*. Next Annual Meeting in Bingham, June 11, 12, 1872.

UNION CONFERENCE.—Continued from page 50.

EDWIN S. TINGLEY, of Milford, Mass. (Bangor, 1870), ordained as an Evangelist, in Brownfield, February 1, 1871. Rev. Wellington Newell, of North Waterford, *Moderator of Council*; Rev. A. Blanchard, S. Bridgton, *Scribe*. Introductory services, Revs. D. B. Sewall, of Fryeburg, and E. F. Archers, of No. Bridgton; Prayer, Rev. E. B. Pike, of Stow; Sermon, Rev. Albert Cole, of Corinth, John 21: 15-17, Feed my lambs,—feed my sheep; Ordaining prayer, Rev. Josiah T. Hawes, of Litchfield; Charge, Rev. Addison Blanchard, of South Bridgton; Right hand, Rev. Edwin P. Wilson, of Bridgton; Benediction, Rev. E. S. Tingley.

Rev. SAMUEL S. GOULD left Albany, Oct., 1870, to try the climate of Minnesota, for his health; returned in March, 1871, and is for a time at Bethel. Rev. WELLINGTON NEWELL, from Brewer Village, commenced labors in North Waterford, November, 1870. Rev. CHARLES MORGRIDGE, of New Bedford, Mass., to supply the churches in Casco, Dec., 1870. Rev. PHILO B. WILCOX, five years S. S. in Otisfield, removed to Massachusetts, Dec., 1870, called to Bluehill, March, 1871. Rev. E. F. MANWELL, formerly of Bridgton, accepts call to Blandford, Mass., Dec., 1870. Rev. WILLIAM W. DOW closed his labors in Waterford, May, 1871,—Rev. JOHN A. DOUGLASS yet remains pastor, and will supply the church. C. C. Watson, S. S. in Harrison, 1865-6, closed labors in Belmont Church, Dover, N. H., June, 1871. Dea. Benj. Stearns, a licensed preacher, has supplied the church in Lowell Center, nearly all the time the past year.

MEETING-HOUSES.—*Otisfield.*—Painted within and without, and otherwise improved Oct., 1870. Union house was dedicated Jan'y 18, 1871. Clergymen of different denominations taking part in the services. Sermon, by Rev. Geo. Harris, jr., of Auburn. A friend in Auburn presented the society two upholstered chairs, a valuable Bible, and book-mark. *Bridgton Center.*—Dedicated January 26, 1871. Services noted, p. 50; cost, $18 000. This house has three large ventilators in the ceiling, rendering the air pure and refreshing both to hearer and speaker. It has a bell, clock, and new organ. The carpets and cushions were provided by the special efforts of the ladies. *Casco.*—Furnished with a new bell of 800 pounds, January, 1871. *Fryeburg.*—A bell from the treasury of the ladies' circle, has been procured, January, 1871. *Hiram.*—$800 has been raised for a new church edifice, March, 1871. *Stow and Chatham.*—Dedicated. Cost, $3400. Sermon, Rev. Wilbur Clark, of Amherst, Sec, N. H. Miss. Soc. This church received a communion service from Rev. C. C. Sawyer, Saco, March, 1871. *South Bridgton.*—Dedicated, July 13, 1871. Cost, $10,000. Services: 1. Voluntary and anthem. 2. Invocation, reading of Psalm 84, and Hymn, Rev. Edwin Pingley, of Brownfield. 3. Hymn. 4. Reading Scriptures and prayer, Rev. Edwin P. Wilson, Bridgton. 5. Hymn. 6. Sermon, Rev. Prof. Wm. M. Barbour, of Bangor, Matt. 2: 1—12. 7. Dedicatory prayer, Rev. David B. Sewall, of Fryeburg. 8. Anthem. 9. Prayer, and Benediction, Rev. Addison Blanchard, pastor.

The revival in Brownfield, commenced with the week of prayer in January.

Conference reports as Memorial fund. $32.505.

NECROLOGY.—Louise B., widow of the late Perley D. Smith, of Bridgton, and mother of Rev. Joseph P. Smith, of Fontenalla, Nebraska, in Auburn, June 29, 1870, aged 58. She was a member of the church in N. Bridgton. The son was S. S. in Harpswell, 1862, and Brownfield, 1864. Obit., Ch. M., January 3, 1871. Mrs. Lydia, wife of Louis Jewell, Waterford, in Harrison, Nov. 26, 1870, aged 82. Notice in Ch. M., May 23, by W. Mrs. Anna, wife of Dea. Amos Foster, of Otisfield, March 20, 1871, aged 73. United with the church in Harrison, 1832. Obit., Ch. M., April 25, 1871.

Mehitable, wife of Dea. Benjamin Stearns, Lovell, suddenly, April 18, 1871.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Albany, Dr. J. H. Lovejoy; Bridgton, Benjamin Cleaves; Bridgton North, M. Gould; Bridgton, South, Dea. Henry E. Warren; Brownfield, Cyrus Wentworth; Fryeburg, Joseph Moore; Denmark, Fryeburg, G. S. Barrows; Harrison, Howard L. Sampson; Hiram, Dea. Wadsworth; Lovell, Henry M. Stearns; Naples, Nathan Church, jr., *p. t.*; Otisfield, Dea. Silas Bacon, East Otisfield; Stow and Chatham, A. V. Stevens; Sweden, Geo. A. Holden; Waterford, Rev. John A. Douglass; Waterford, North, John A. Green.

Rev. Addison Blanchard, of South Bridgton, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.*

UNION ASSOCIATION, formed in South Bridgton, January 1, 1834.—meets the first Tuesday in February, May, July, September, and November. Rev. Addison Blanchard, of South Bridgton,

WALDO CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, second Tuesday in June, usually.—Organized in Searsport, June 14, 1848.—Semi-annual Meeting, second Tuesday in October.

CHURCHES.—1871, May 7.—MINISTERS. CHURCH MEM., May 7, 1871. Admitted.—1870.—Removed. Baptized.

Place and Name.	*Organized.*	*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Inst. or S. S.*	*M A*	*P. A*	*M'le*	*Fml*	*Tot*	*Abs*	*Prf*	*Let.*	*Tot*	*Dth*	*Dis*	*Ex.*	*Tot*	*Adl*	*Inf.*	*S. Sch*	*Cont.*
Belfast, First	1796, Dec. 29	Rufus K. Harlow, s. s.	1868, Oct. 15	1870, Dec. 1	3	..	21	89	110	15	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	100	$172
Belfast, North	1846, Sept. 24	(1) T. H. Chambers, s. s.	Licentiate.	1870, few m.	..	..	12	25	37	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
Camden, Elm st	1805, Sept. 11	H. Allen Shorey.	1865, July 28	1869, Sep. 2	6	2	57	93	130	12	3	0	3	3	0	0	3	1	0	150	180
Frankfort	1851, Nov. 18	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	3	12	15	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	0
Freedom	1858, April 14	(2) F. S. Schenck, s. s.	Licentiate.	1871.	..	..	12	12	24	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	40	0
Jackson and Brooks	1812, Oct. 6	Albert N. Jones, s. s.	Licentiate.	1871.	..	..	19	47	66	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	*0	0	0	60	26
Rockport	1854, June 12	John S. Chandler, s. s.	Licentiate.	1871.	..	..	12	31	43	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	17
Sandy Point	1839, Oct. 16	Joseph Kyte, s. s.	1862, Sep. 25	1868, June 1	9	..	32	49	81	16	2	1	3	0	2	0	2	0	0	100	100
Searsport, First	1815, Oct. 4	Jonathan E. Adams.	1859, Oct. 19	1866, May 16	11	5	38	112	150	16	7	2	9	8	1	0	9	0	0	125	295
Searsport, Second	1855, Sept. 19	Joseph Kyte, s. s.	1862, Sep. 25	1868, June 1	..	..	6	23	29	3	1	0	1	0	3	0	3	0	0	45	43
Unity	1804, Dec. 1	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	5	16	21	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0
Winterport	1820, Sept. 17	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	15	58	73	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	40
Twelve.		*2 Past., 6 S. S. = 8.*	*Av. Min'l &*	*Past'l age.*	7	3	212	567	779	118	14	3	17	12	8	0	20	1	0	815	$902

Average as Stated Supply, one year. (1) Daniel L. Smart, *Lic.*, part of the year. (2) C. A. Young, part of the year.

Rev. STEPHEN THURSTON, ordained August 9, 1826, Secretary Maine Missionary Society. Post-office address, Searsport. Rev. WOOSTER PARKER, Belfast, ordained 1832, Sept. 29.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, in Winterport, Oct. 11, 12, 1870. Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Searsport, *Moderator*. Sermons, Revs. Francis Southworth, of Cumberland Conference, Luke 24:49,—"I send the promise of my Father," &c.; Harrison A. Shorey, of Camden,—Man a sinner, Christ an Almighty Saviour; and the Moderator, 1 Cor. 6:19, 20,—"Bought with a price." Topics discussed,—The power from on high, our great need; morality an element of the Christian life; the sinner, and the Saviour; Christian fellowship and brotherhood. Rev. Francis Southworth, of the Bethel Ch., Portland, presented the claims of Seamen. Lord's Supper administered. A devotional and profitable Conference.—(Ch. M., Oct. 18.)

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING, in Searsport, June 13, 14, 1871. Rev. H. Allen Shorey, of Camden, *Moderator*. Sermons, by Moderator, Matt. 24:23,—"Lo! here is Christ:" Rev. Rufus K. Harlow, of Belfast, Luke 7:35,—"Wisdom is justified of her children;" Rev. Prof. Levi L. Paine, of Bangor, Heb. 7:25,—"Ever liveth to make intercession." Themes discussed,—Duty of the ministry, and of the churches to the masses; how to reach the non-church goers; how to develop a true spirit of benevolence in the Christian heart; what is the standard of true benevolence; when do revivals begin; Temperance; prayer-meetings; Home Missions. The Question Box introduced, with much interest and profit. Report of the churches. Religious interest in Searsport. Lord's Supper observed,—Revs. Edward F. Cutter, of Rockland, and Rufus K. Harlow, of Belfast. "A large, profitable, and spiritual gathering." "Many of the churches are small, and their members scattered, with but little preaching during the year,—yet they maintain the Sabbath school and prayer-meetings,—faithful in a little, dear are they in their privations and hardships to the Lord Jesus."—S.

Rev. WOOSTER PARKER, for fourteen years the Pastor of the church in Belfast, resigns,—and was dismissed by Council, Nov. 14, 1870. Rev. Stephen Thurston, *Moderator;* Rev. Jona. E. Adams, *Scribe.*—(Ch. M., Nov. 22.) Supplied in Manchester, Conn., Dec., 1870. Appointed Supervisor of the Schools in Belfast, April, 1871.

Rev. RUFUS KENDRICK HARLOW (Amherst, 1865, Bangor, 1868), late of St. Lawrence st. Ch., Portland, stated supply at Belfast from Dec., 1870.

Rev. ABIEL H. WRIGHT, dismissed from church in Winterport, by Council, Feb'y 7, 1871. *Moderator* of Council, Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Searsport; *Scribe*, Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Searsport. (Record, Ch. M., Feb'y 14.) Installed Pastor of St. Lawrence st. Ch., Portland, April 19, 1871.—(See p. 36.)

Albert N. Jones, *Lic.*, from Bangor Seminary, supplying Brooks and Jackson, April, 1871. Robert Doig, and Ferdinand S. Schenck, from New Brunswick Seminary, N. J., are supplying (April, 1871, 4 mos.), the church in North Belfast (Mr. D.), and that in Dresden (Mr. S.).

The church in Rockport has been supplied by Rev. H. H. Hutchinson (Sept., 1870); Rev. G. A. Crawford, Chaplain U. S. N., Dec., 1870; John S. Chandler, *Lic.*, from Yale Seminary.

Rev. Franklin P. Chapin, formerly of Camden, has resigned the charge of the Second Church, Amherst, Mass., on account of his health, and has accepted the office of Superintendent of Schools of that place, April, 1871.

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[illegible] CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, second Tuesday in June.—Organized in Eastport, February 16, 1839.—Semi-annual Meeting, fourth Tuesday in October.

CHURCHES.—1871, May 7.—MINISTERS. CHURCH MEM., May 7, 1871. Admitted.—1870.—Removed. Baptized.

Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Inst. or S. S	M.A	P.A	Mle	Fml	Tot	Abs	Prf	Let.	Tot	Dth	Dis	Ex.	Tot	Add	Inf.	S.Sch	Cont.
Alexander	1854, Nov. 7	Vacant.					1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	$ 0
Calais	1825, Aug. 17	Wm. Carruthers, p.el'ct	1857, Jun.16	1868, Sept. 1	14	..	47	142	189	0	1	1	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	180	522
Cherryfield	1833, Oct. 20	James B. Tyler, s. s.	Licentiate.	1870, June 4	..	..	4	10	14	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*60	75
Cooper	1828, Feb. 22	(1) A. H. Adams, s. s.	Licentiate.	1870, Jun.19	..	..	5	6	11	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	30	52
Dennysville	1805, Oct. 27	Charles Whittier.	1860, Nov.13	1860, Nov.13	11	11	45	68	113	24	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	200	303
Eastport, Central	1819, Feb. 7	(2) W. K. Pierce, s. s.	Licentiate.	1871, April.	..	..	15	78	93	21	0	0	0	3	3	0	6	0	0	60	64
Jonesboro'	1840, April 24	Vacant.			..	..	6	5	11	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lubec	1818, Sept. 1	Vacant.			..	..	1	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Machias, Center st	1782, Sept. 12	Henry F. Harding, s. s.	1855, Oct. 17	1855, Jun.15	16	..	51	141	192	0	3	0	3	1	2	0	3	3		300	350
Machias, East	1826, June 8	(3) H. F. Harding, s. s.	1855, Oct. 17	1870, Oct.	..	..	36	79	115	35	2	1	3	0	3	0	3	2	0	200	150
Machiasport	1831, Jan. 25	Vacant.			..	..	18	24	42	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	8
Northfield	1836, Sept. 15	(4) J. G. Max Baler, s. s.	Licentiate.	1870, June 5	..	..	5	7	12	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	54
Pembroke	1835, Sept. 30	Vacant.			..	..	6	13	19	6	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	6
Perry	1822, Oct. 7	(5) Charles Guild, s. s.	1864, Feb. 4	1871, Feb. 12	7	..	12	36	48	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	55	0
Princeton	1858, Dec. 2	John J. Blair, s. s.	Licentiate.	1871, June 9	..	..	5	18	23	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	35
Robbinston	1811, Nov. 24	George W. Kelley, s. s.	Licentiate.	1869, Oct. 1	..	..	27	68	95	35	6	0	6	1	5	0	6	4	0	75	116
St. Stephen, N. B.	1846, Oct. 21	Edgar L. Foster.	1867, Oct. 4	1867, Sept. 1	4	4	25	78	103	19	1	0	1	3	5	2	10	0	1	160	500
Topsfield	1861, Nov. 6	Reuben D. Osgood, s. s.	Licentiate.	1869, Aug.16	..	..	9	22	31	8	3	1	4	0	2	0	2	3	0	†145	27
Whiting	1833, Nov. 9	George W. Labaw, s. s.	Licentiate.	1871, June 1	..	..	4	19	23	1	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	5	0	70	30
Whitneyville	1836, Dec. 7	(6) Robert Doig, s. s.	Licentiate.	1870, June 5	..	..	16	25	41	8	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	80	6
Twenty.		*2 Past., 12 S. S. = 14.*	*Av. Min'l &*	*Past'l age.*	10	7	338	843	1181	184	20	4	24	17	22	2	41	17	3	1884	$2298

Average as Stated Supply, two years. (1) P. B. Shiere, *Lic.*, part of the year. (2) Rev. Thomas E. Babb, to Feb'y, 1871. * Union Schools. † 70 in Jackson Brook and Danforth.
(3) E. C. Ford, *Lic.*, Summer, 1871. (4) Robert Doig, and Edward Lodewick, *Lics.*, each part of the year. (5) Arthur H. Tibbetts, *Lic.*, part of year. (6) J. W. Schenck, *Lic.*, part of year.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Rev. Gilman Bachellor, ordained 1831, June 15.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, in Robbinston, Oct. 11, 12, 1870. Opening Sermon, Rev. Reuben D. Osgood, of Topsfield. General subject for discussion,—1. What shall be done to increase the power of the churches, closely connected with decided views of church discipline? 2. Does not the power of the churches depend upon direct individual Christian effort? A large number of the brethren participated in the discussion. A Sabbath School meeting was held in the evening of the first day of the Conference. The children of the place were present, and led the singing. A prayer-meeting was held at 6½ o'clock on the morning of the second day. At 9½ o'clock the Conference met, and spent an hour in devotional service; the topic of remark,—the need of more Christian work. The closing Sermon was preached by Rev. Henry F. Harding. The sacrament of the Supper administered.—(*Scribe.*)

The FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING, at Topsfield, June 13, 14, 1871. Opening Sermon, by Rev. Henry F. Harding. Text,—Here is the faith and patience of the saints.—Rev. 13:10. Topics for discussion,—1st. Do we not need to show that public worship is a duty rich with blessing? 2d. Should we not impress upon the public mind the fact, that to disregard public worship is a sin? 3d. The duty of the Christian,—(*a*) to the church,—(*b*) to the Sabbath School,—(*c*) to the world. The closing Sermon was preached by Rev. George W. Kelley; text, John 15:11. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Revs. H. F. Harding and Chas. Whittier.

Revivals have prevailed in Eastport, Whiting, Machias, Whitneyville, and Northfield. The Congregational churches in these places have been blessed and strengthened by these refreshings from on high. In Whitneyville and Northfield these revivals have been very extensive, and large numbers have been hopefully converted.

Rev. THOMAS E. BABB, left Eastport March 23, 1871, for Oxford, Mass. Rev. HENRY F. HARDING, is about to leave Machias. (Resigned July 1.)

E. P. Butler, performed Missionary labor in Marshfield, 1870; and Joseph E. Walker, *Lic.*, in Danforth and Jackson Brook, 1870. [Cont. on page 54.]

WALDO CONFERENCE.—Continued from page —.

The meeting-house at Winterport was closed a few Sabbaths for repairs, August, 1870. The meeting-house at Sandy Point, repaired, during the temporary absence of the pastor, Oct., 1870. The edifice of Elm Street Church, Camden, enlarged, and finished anew; cost, $6000, all which is paid. Record of dedication, Minutes, 1870, page 55

Mrs. Sarah P., widow of Rev. Nathaniel Chapman, pastor at Camden, 1835 to 1849, died in Gardiner, January 14, 1871, aged 87. Dea. Andrew Leach, died in Searsport, aged 87. He was deacon fifty years in S., and had not been absent but two Sabbaths, during that period, and then he was away from home. Obit. Ch. Mir., Feb. 7, 1871. Marcus P., son of Rev. H. A. Shorey, died in Camden, Nov. 14, 1870, aged 18.

Waldo County Bible Society held a meeting in Belfast, Oct. 18, 19, 1870. Contributions in Conference reported to Memorial fund, $6487.50.

WALDO ASSOCIATION met in Searsport, Feb'y 7, 1871; in Camden, May 31.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Belfast, 1st ch., Rev. W. Parker; Belfast, North, ; Camden, Rev. H. A. Shorey; Frankfort, Upton Treat; Freedom, R. Elder; Jackson and Brooks, Nesmith McClure, Jackson; Rockport, N. T. Talbot; Sandy Point, Rev. J. Kyte; Searsport, 1st ch., Rev. J. E. Adams; Searsport, 2d ch., J. L. Park; Unity, ; Winterport, John Campbell.

Rev. Joseph Kyte, of Sandy Point, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference*. Next meeting in Frankfort, Oct. 8, 9, 1871.

WALDO ASSOCIATION, formed in Belfast, Nov. 10, 1830. Annual meeting in August. Assembles three times, in addition, during the year. Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Searsport, *Scribe*.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.—Continued from page —.

Resolutions adopted at the Conference at Topsfield, June 14th, 1871:

Resolved, That we learn with deep regret, that our brother, Rev. Henry F. Harding, feels called to remove from this Conference, with which he has been connected for the past sixteen years.

Resolved, That we record our testimony to the great value of his timely counsels and abundant labors in the meetings of the Conference, and in the missionary work in this county.

Resolved, That we close our connection with him, with heartfelt wishes and earnest prayers for his continued prosperity and usefulness in the service of the Master.—*Scribe*.

GEORGE WILLIAM KELLEY, of Portland (Bowdoin, 1866; Bangor, 1869), Licentiate (July 13, 1869), supplying Robbinston and Red Beach, from 1869.

Rev. CHARLES GUILD (Bangor, 1863), who has been in Kansas about five years, commenced as stated supply in Perry, March, 1871.

WEBSTER K. TREAT, of Winterport (Bangor, 1870), Licentiate, accepted a call to Eastport, May, 1871.

E. C. FORD, Licentiate from Andover Seminary, was to supply the church in East Machias during the summer of 1871.

Andrew J. McLeod, formerly S. S. in Perry, ordained pastor, Yarmouth, N. S., Sept. 27, 1870. Rev. J. R. McMonagle, formerly S. S. in Cooper, 1858-9, and pastor, East Machias, 1860, called from San Francisco, to 2d Pr. ch., Newburyport, Mass., October, 1871. Rev. Chas. H. Pope, S. S. Pembroke and Perry, 1868-4, has purchased the Female Seminary, in Benicia, Cal., and will take charge of the school.

During the revival at East Machias, in the winter, Rev. Henry F. Harding, of Machias, preached Sabbath afternoons. Religious interest also in the Armstrong neighborhood, on the line of Machias and East Machias, and in Jonesboro'.

At Alexander, the Methodists lead in sustaining worship. The people built a church edifice, which the Methodist denomination occupy. There is a large Sabbath school, and intemperance is banished.—J. P. C.

MEETING-HOUSES.—*Eastport*.—The steeple injured by the gale of September, 1869, repaired at an expense of $800, August, 1870; the interior to be thoroughly modernized, March, 1871. "The situation of the house beautiful." *Whiting*.—A house finely finished, grained, and frescoed, with a good vestry, April, 1871. *Calais*.—The foundation of a new church edifice laid, July, 1871. The vestry was burned in the calamitous fire in August, 1870.

Conference report contributed for Memorial year, $15,500.

Washington County Sabbath School Convention in Machias, Aug. 9-11, 1870. Peter E. Vose, of Dennysville, *President*; A. H. Taylor, of Machias, *Secretary*. Addresses, Rev. Chas. Whittier, of Dennysville; Rev. Mark Trafton, of Providence; and Rev. Benj. G. Snow, of the Micronesian Mission.

Washington County Bible Society held its annual meeting in Topsfield, in connection with the Conference, June 13, 1871.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Alexander, Dea. Isaac P. Crafts; Calais, A. L. Clapp; Cherryfield, J. A. Nickels; Cooper, Asaph Sawyer; Dennysville, Dea. Peter E. Vose; Eastport, David Perkins; Jonesboro', ; Lubec, ; Machias, Daniel Longfellow; Machias, East, C. H. Seavy; Machiasport, J. F. Sanborne; Northfield, George W. Smith; Pembroke, Cushing Wilder; Perry, Chas. S. Davis; Princeton, Dea. Leonard Peabody; Robbinston, Dea. Thomas Brewer; St. Stephen, N. B., S. H. Hitchings; Topsfield, Mrs. L. Crabtree; Whiting, Mrs. Cornelia A. Chase; Whitneyville, Dea. N. Bacheller.

Rev. Charles Whittier, of Dennysville, *Scribe of Conference*; Dea. George A. Peabody, of Eastport, *Treasurer*. Next meeting in Eastport, October 24, 25, 1871.

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION.—Times of meeting, June and October. Sub-associations more frequently. Rev. Henry F. Harding, of Machias, *Scribe*.

CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, first Tuesday in June.—Organized in Buxton, October 1, 1822.—Semi-annual Meeting, last Tuesday in October.

CHURCHES.——1871, May 7.——MINISTERS. CHURCH MEM., May 7, 1871. Admitted.—1870.—Removed. Baptized.

Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Inst. or S. S.	M. A.	P. A.	Mle.	Fml.	Tot.	Abs.	Prf.	Let.	Tot.	Dth.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot.	Adl.	Inf.	S. Sch.	Cont.
——eton	1781, Sept. 18	Wm. S. Thompson, s. s.	1860, Nov. 17	1861, Jan. 1	10	..	18	36	54	17	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	70	$ 84
Alfred	1791, Sept. 8	Vacant.			..	..	22	61	83	22	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	2	0	45	50
Biddeford, First	1730, April 30	E. M. Corey, s. s.	Licentiate.	1870.	..	..	23	54	77	23	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	45	19
Biddeford, Second	1805, May 1	John D. Emerson.	1858, Oct. 1	1868, Mar. 5	12	3	71	179	250	13	15	3	18	1	3	0	4	8	11	300	273
Biddeford, Pavilion	1857, Oct. 20	(1) Charles Tenney.	1844, Feb. 7	1858, Dec. 7	27	12	36	125	161	36	0	1	1	3	0	0	3	0	1	150	216
Buxton	1763, Mar. 16	Charles H. Gates, s. s.	1851, Sept.	1868, Aug. 1	20	..	25	68	93	3	13	0	13	3	0	0	3	10	0	112	28
Buxton Center	1763, Mar. 16	Joseph Smith, s. s.	1842, Nov. 10	1868, Sep. 13	28	..	16	42	58	15	0	2	2	0	4	0	4	0	0	70	43
Cornish Village	1840, Sept. 6	Albert Cole, s. s.	1847, Mar. 25	1858, July 4	24	..	22	43	65	8	1	0	1	3	0	0	3	2	0	60	55
Eliot	1721, June 22	Benja. T. Sanborn, s. s.	1864, Feb. 5	1870, July 1	7	..	15	41	56	7	3	0	3	8	1	0	9	0	0	60	25
Kennebunk, Union	1826, Aug. 15	Walter E. Darling.	1862, May 20	1866, Mar. 20	9	5	34	51	85	0	1	4	5	1	1	0	2	0	0	71	325
Kennebunkport	1730, Nov.	Wm. A. Merrill, s. s.	1852, Oct. 27	1871, Apr. 1	19	..	16	41	57	10	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	40	40
Kennebunkport, South	1838, Jan. 10	John W. Savage, s. s.	1863, Dec. 10	1870, Apr. 3	7	..	13	39	52	6	0	9	9	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	41
Kittery, First	1714, Nov. 4	Samuel S. Drake, s. s.	1834, Oct. 15	1868, Nov. 1	36	..	7	18	25	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	50	32
Lebanon	1765, Jan. 24	John Parsons.	1857, May 14	1869, Nov. 9	14	1	22	32	54	20	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	80	50
Limerick	1795, July 5	Thomas N. Lord, s. s.	1837, Aug.	1870, Aug. 1	34	..	28	60	88	24	2	0	2	0	5	0	5	2	3	40	10
Limington	1789, Oct. 11	Samuel W. Pearson, s. s.	1870, Nov. 9	1869, June 1	1	..	27	65	92	20	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	110	75
Lyman	1801, Dec. 2	H. T. Arnold, s. s.	Licentiate.	1871.	..	..	37	61	98	14	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	94	84
Newfield, West	1801, July 1	George S. Kemp, s. s.	1856, Feb. 28	1864, Jun. 26	15	..	18	35	53	12	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	60	46
Parsonsfield	1795, Jan. 7	Vacant.			..	..	4	7	11	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	00	00
Saco, First	1762, Oct. 13	Benson M. Frink.	1862, Jan. 9	1870, Jun. 30	9	1	56	154	210	45	1	2	3	3	3	0	6	1	0	160	347
Sanford	1786, July 19	(2) Wm. V. Jordan, s. s.	1836, Sep. 13	1870, April 2	34	..	17	33	50	10	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	1	0	20	25
Sanford, South	1786, July 19	(2) Wm. V. Jordan, s. s.	1836, Sep. 13	1870, April 2	..	..	9	24	33	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	22
Shapleigh	1823, Oct. 23	Vacant.	No Preaching.		..	..	2	6	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	00
South Berwick	1702, June 4	Silvanus Hayward.	1861, Oct. 9	1866, May 10	9	5	28	91	119	33	5	0	5	4	1	0	5	4	1	120	868
Wells, First	1701, Oct. 29	Lewis Goodrich, s. s.	1850, Jan. 1	1868, Mar. 7	21	..	45	104	149	22	15	3	18	2	2	0	4	10	1	120	90
Wells, Second	1831, Oct. 23	Benja. Southworth, s. s.	1856, Feb. 24	1870, Oct. 1	12	..	30	58	88	14	0	8	8	2	3	0	5	0	0	80	27
York, First	1672, Dec. 3	Benjamin W. Pond.	1862, Jan. 21	1870, Sep. 28	9	1	21	71	92	21	0	3	3	3	0	0	3	0	0	70	100
York, Second	1732.	Joseph Freeman, s. s.	1844, Mar. 10	1869, Aug. 1	27	..	14	33	47	13	0	1	1	1	2	0	3	0	3	40	43
Twenty-eight.		*7 Past., 16 S. S. = 23.*	*Av. Min'l & Past'l age.*		17	4	676	1632	2308	420	64	39	103	46	33	0	79	43	21	2147	$3018

Average as Stated Supply, three years. (1) Dis. May 22, 1871. (2) Removed to Kansas, July, 1871.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Rev. Thomas C. Upham, Kennebunkport, ordained July 16, 1823.

YORK ASSOCIATION, organized in Arundel (now Kennebunkport), October 27. 1817; meets on the first Tuesday of February and May, and the last Tuesday in September. Rev. John D. Emerson, of Biddeford, *Scribe.*

The ministers in South Berwick, Elliot, York, and Kittery are connected with the PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION, formed in Kittery, October 24, 1781. Annual Meeting third Tuesday in April; other meetings on the third Tuesday of July, October and January. Rev. Silvanus Hayward, of South Berwick, *Scribe.*

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YORK CONFERENCE.—Continued from page 55.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING held in West Newfield, Oct. 11, 12, 1870. Sermons, Rev. Thomas N. Lord, of Limerick, 2 Samuel 5:24,—the going in the tops of the mulberry trees; Rev. Caleb F. Page, of Milton Mills, Mass. (former pastor in Limington), Isa. 9:6,—His name shall be called Wonderful. Subjects for discussion: 1. The Sanctuary,—as promoting the interests of the community, the family, and the church. 2. The follower of Christ,—what is it to be such; what does the Lord expect of such; how does He reward them. 3. The prayer-meeting,—its bearing on the life of the church. 4. The duty of all as it respects the Sabbath School. Rev. Wm. Warren, of Gorham, presented the claims of the Am. Bd. C. F. M. Rev. Wm. H. Gilbert, of Hartford, Conn., those of the Am. Bible Society. Communion service at the close. "A happy gathering." Ch. M., Oct., 18.

FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING, in Alfred, June 6, 7, 1871. Sermons, Rev. Sylvanus Hayward, of South Berwick, 1 Cor. 13:1-3,—"And have not charity;" Rev. Samuel W. Pearson, of Limington, Hebrews 12:1, 2,—"So great a cloud of witnesses." The discussions were all on the Bible, in its different relations and bearings. The meetings for devotion and social worship occupied a good proportion of the time. The churches were well represented. Some visiting brethren added to the meeting much, by their well-timed participations in the exercises.

The report of the churches was encouraging. They have had, the past year, a very full supply of efficient ministers. Only two churches (these very feeble) have been without preaching. Not only great harmony, but a good degree of activity has existed. The gospel has been better appreciated, and better supported than usual. And no year of late has there been so much money raised for benevolent purposes, and for the repairing of parsonages, and the furnishing and repairing of church edifices. And what is better than all, the presence of the Lord has been with his people. Four churches at least have enjoyed special revival seasons, and souls have been converted, viz.: The Pavilion ch., Biddeford; the churches in Buxton and Limington, and the Second church in Wells. And besides these, a few mercy drops have fallen here and there. Much precious seed has been sown, and good done, to appear in fruit hereafter, under the Divine ordering. The good people in this county are doing too little for the cause of temperance by any direct efforts. But perhaps there never has been a time when God's word and God's worship were better appreciated, and at no time a more earnest longing after holiness, and a more earnest desire to work for Christ in saving souls, than was manifest at our late County Conference. And it is due to our female members to state, that they are a power for good in our county and they are making it felt. 103 accessions have been made to our churches; sixty-four by profession;—but we are looking for greater things.—*Reporter.*

Rev. BENJAMIN WISNER POND (Bowdoin, 1857; Bangor, 1861), installed pastor of First church in York, Sept. 28, 1870. Rev. S. Hayward, *Moderator of Council;* Rev. Joseph Freeman, *Scribe.* Introductory services, Rev. Benj. T. Sanborn, of Elliot; Prayer, Rev. Samuel Bowker, of Wells; Sermon, Rev. Prof. William M. Barbour, of Bangor; Installing prayer, Rev. John D. Kingsbury, of Bradford, Mass.; Charge, Rev. Geo. M. Adams, of Portsmouth, N. H.; Right hand, Rev. Walter E. Darling, of Kennebunk; Address to people, Rev. Silvanus Hayward, of South Berwick; Prayer, Rev. Franklin Davis, of Newington, N. H.; Benediction, Pastor.

SAMUEL WIGGIN PEARSON (Bowdoin, 1862; Bangor, 1866), ordained in Limington, as an Evangelist, Nov. 9, 1870. Rev. Chas. H. Gates, of Buxton, *Moderator of Council;* Bro. W. G. Lord, *Scribe.* Invocation and reading of Scriptures, Rev. J. H. Pillsbury, of the Methodist ch.; Sermon (1 Thess. 2:18), ordaining prayer, and right hand of fellowship, by the Moderator; Charge, Rev. Thomas N. Lord, of Limerick; Prayer, Rev. Nathan Whitmore, of the Baptist ch., Limington. In the evening, a service was held; Sermon, by Rev. C. H. Gates, of Buxton. (Ch. M., Dec. 6.)

Rev. CHARLES TENNEY, dismissed from the pastorate of the Pavilion church, Biddeford, May 22, 1871. Rev. Albert Cole, of Cornish, *Moderator of Council:* Rev. John D. Emerson, of Second church, Biddeford, *Scribe.* Farewell sermon preached May 28. He expects to supply the pulpit in his native town, Chester, N. H.

Rev. SAMUEL BOWKER, stated supply in Second ch., Wells, from 1867, installed pastor of the church in Raymond, N. H., Nov. 30, 1870. Sermon, Rev. Stephen H. Hayes, formerly of Winterport, 2 Cor. 10:4, 5; Charge, Rev. John D. Emerson, of Biddeford; Address to people, Rev. Sylvanus Hayward, of South Berwick. (Ch. M., Dec. 6.)

Rev. WILLIAM A. MERRILL closed his labors in Lyman, Dec., 1870. Supplied in Alfred, January, 1871. S. S. in Kennebunkport, from April, 1871.

Rev. GEORGE LEWIS closed his connection with the church in Alfred, Dec., 1870. Rev. B. F. Manwell, and Rev. M. Haley, supplied the church temporarily. Henry T. Arnold, Lic. from Andover Seminary, supplied Lyman, a short time. Rev. Giles Leach, formerly S. S. in First church, Wells, removes from Rye, N. H., to Meredith Village, January, 1871. Rev. John U. Parsons, formerly of North Acton, aided in reviving the church in Raymond, Wisconsin, January, 1871. Rev. Rufus M. Sawyer, S. S. in First church, York, 1861-66, accepts call to Anemosa, Iowa, June, 1871. Rev. Thos. L. Ellis, S. S. in Kittery, 1863-5, resigns at North Scituate, R. I., July, 1871. Rev. Wm. V. Jordan leaves Sanford to reside in Kansas:—P. O., Chapman's Creek, Kansas. Rev. Francis B. Wheeler, pastor in Saco, 1854 to 1859, welcomed to the Pr. ch., Poughkeepsie, New York, of which he is now pastor. At the communion, in May, 1871, fifty-five members, forty-four of them on profession of their faith; 252 have been added since his pastorate commenced in P.

In addition to places previously mentioned, there has been unusual religious interest in *Acton*, where the Congregational and Methodist churches united in holding meetings, January, 1871; in *Elliot*, Oct., 1870, two persons received to this church, in January, 1871, whose ages were 80 and 90 years; and in Lyman, May, 1871. The Second church, Biddeford, has received, every communion Sabbath for three years, additions to their number, on profession of their faith. The church in Buxton, has quadrupled its members in three years.

The churches have contributed generally to the Jubilee Memorial Fund; amount reported, $[illegible] 673.62.

The Second church, in Biddeford, are making extensive repairs on their meeting-house. It will be raised, and furnished with a new basement, a new tower and spire and a remodeled interior.

A new free church was opened at Biddeford Pool, for religious services, Aug., 1870. Dr. Post, of St. Louis, preached A. M., and Dr. Packard, of Lawrence, P. M.

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he parsonage, at Alfred, was burnt, Sept. 1, 1870. Building anew. The house occupied by Rev athan Calef, first pastor in Lyman (1801 to 1831), was burned, September 15.
letter from Rev. Thomas C. Upham, of Kennebunkport, Emeritus Professor in Bowdoin Co , has been issued from the rooms of the American Colonization Society, in reference to th ican race, March, 1871.
rs. Fannie M., wife of Rev. Benj. G. Page, pastor in Lebanon, 1865–69, and daughter of Rev V. Hidden, died in Greenwood, Mo., Oct. 30, 1870. Mr. P. called to Emerald Grove, Wis.
onvention of the Evangelical Churches of York County, held in Biddeford, Dec. 21, 22, 1870.
ork Association met in Kennebunkport, Sept. 6, 1870; in Saco, February, 1871.
sermon, preached by John D. Emerson, of Biddeford, Dec. 25, 1870, has been published, 12 pp., to.—Title, "Memorial of the Pilgrims."—Text, Prov. 17:6,—"The glory of children, are their ers." Mr. E. took part in the Centennial Anniversary of the Congregational Church, in Can- N. H., April 5, 1871. (An address.)
LERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Acton, Rev. Wm. S. Thompson; Alfred, Thomas Rogers; Biddel, 1st ch., Dea. T. D. Emery; Biddeford, 2d ch., Dr. T. Haley; Biddeford, Pavillon ch., John mall; Buxton, Geo. G. Davis; Buxton Center, Rev. Joseph Smith; Cornish, Rev. A. Cole; ot, Rev. Benj. T. Sanborn; Kennebunk, Union, Rev. Walter E. Darling; Kennebunk-port, Rev. . A. Merrill; Kennebunkport, South, Rev. John W. Savage; Kittery Point, Rev. S. S. Drake; anon, ; Limerick, Rev. Thos. N. Lord; Limington, Leonard J. Strout; an, Dimon Roberts; Newfield, West, Rev. Geo. S. Kemp; Parsonsfield, H. G. O. Smith; o, Dominicus Jordan; Sanford, Wm. L. Emery; Sanford, South, Jeremiah Moulton; Shapb, ; South Berwick, Rev. Silvanus Hayward; Wells, 1st ch., Rev. Lewis dfich; Wells, 2d ch., Rev. Benj. Southworth; York, 1st ch., Rev. Benj. W. Pond; York, 2d Rev. Joseph Freeman.
ev. Albert Cole, of Cornish, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference:* Rev. Lewis Goodrich, of lls, *Reporter*. Next semi-annual meeting in Limington, Oct. 31, 1871.

LICENTIATES.

their field of labor, and reference to the page of the Conference in which they were located.

Adams.....Cooper....53	Geo. W. Labaw.....Whiting....53
Allen....Sedgwick and Brooksville....40	Geo. C. Lamb.....New Vineyard....39
Arnold.....Lyman....55	B. F. Leavitt.....Somerville....40
Atkins.....Shelburne, N. H....45	H. H. Leavitt.....Hiram....50
" .....Albany....50	Edward Lodewick.....Northfield....53
H. Ayers.....Bethel....45	J. G. Max-Baler.....Northfield....53
V. Baker.....Minot, West,....34	J. Lewis Merrill.....Farmington Falls....39
m.....Weld....39	" " " .....Mercer....49
tin Blair.....Princeton....53	Vincent Moses.....Sherman....33
dwell.....Tremont....40	Chas. S. Newhall.....Oldtown....46
Bolster.....Wiscasset,....42	Reuben D. Osgood...Topsfield & vicinity....53
owler....Greenbush and Olamon....33	Nicholas Pearse.....Albany....50
Brownhill.....Passadumkeag....33	R. A. Pearse.....Gilead....45
ell.....Durham....34	H. M. Perkins.....Tremont....40
er.....Marshfield....53	Truman S. Perry.....Sweden....50
mbers.....North Belfast....52	George J. Pierce.....Veazie....46
handler.....Rockport....52	Wm. H. Rand.....Solon and Bingham....49
ds.....Lovell....50	John T. Rea.....Medway....33
y.....Biddeford....55	Isaiah Record.....Turner....45
Crosby (resident) P. O., Bangor....33	Thomas H. Rich (resident).....Bangor....46
Davis.....Hiram....50	R. B. Richardson.....Moose River....49
ering.....Burlington....33	Jotham Sewall.....Sweden....50
nson.....Upton....45	Daniel L. Smart.....North Belfast....52
ge.....West Brooksville....40	" " " Tremont and Bass Harbor....40
...Sedgwick and Brooksville....40	E. N. Smith.....Bingham....49
.....N. Belfast....52	Edward G. Smith.....Kenduskeag....46
Whitneyville & Northfield....53	Ford. S. Schenck....Freedom & Dresden....52
.....Mercer and vicinity....49	J. N. Schenck.....Whitneyville....53
stman.....East Orrington....46	P. B. Shiere.....Cooper....53
mrick.....Burlington....33	W. P. Sprague.....Upton....45
.....E. Machias....53	Jesse P. Sprowl.....Lovell....50
owell.....Isle au Haut....40	Benjamin Stearns (resident).....Lovell....50
....North New Portland....49	Richard S. Stanley (resident)...Lewiston....35
.....Canaan....49	Clarendon A. Stone, Brewer Hill and E. Orrington.....46
...Dexter, 48....Waterville....41	Arthur H. Tebbetts.....Perry....53
.....The Forks....49	" " " .....Washington....42
....Jackson and Brooks....52	James Brainerd Tyler.....Cherryfield....53
.....Pownal....34	J. E. Walker, Danforth & Jackson Brook....53
.....Casco and Naples....50	C. A. Young.....Freedom....52
.....Durham....34	
.....Robbinston....53	

e above are from the Bangor Theological Seminary.

SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 7, 1871.

General Conference organized in Portland, January 10, 1826.

COUNTY CONFERENCES,	No. of Churches in Conferences.	Pastors.	Stated Supplies	Licentiates.	Tot. Past., S. S. and Licentiates.	Average Ministerial age.	Average Pastoral age.	Average age Stated Supply.	MEMBERS, May 7, 1871. Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	ADMITTED. Profession.	Letter.	Total.	REMOVED. Deaths.	Dismiss'n	Excluded	Total.	BAPTISMS. Adults.	Infants.	Total.	Number in Sabbath Schools.	Contributions in the Churches.
Aroostook	13	2	2	6	10	17	1	1	123	225	348	56	27	11	38	2	7	0	9	23	2	25	710	$ 239
Cumberland	39	15	13	4	32	16	7	3	1,476	3,472	4,948	978	99	118	217	57	125	11	193	46	38	84	5,114	12,255
Franklin	10	1	5	3	9	15	7	4	293	462	755	162	20	8	28	10	24	0	34	14	3	17	927	685
Hancock	13	4	5	9	18	16	14	2	305	716	1,021	179	28	12	40	16	8	0	24	23	5	28	1,240	1,805
Kennebec	15	2	6	1	9	17	5	5	339	945	1,284	320	38	12	50	29	19	0	48	25	22	47	1,64[illegible]	2,599
Lincoln and Sagadahoc	22	7	7	5	19	17	9	1	558	1,557	2,115	432	47	12	59	54	35	2	91	32	14	46	2,08[illegible]	3,432
Oxford	15	2	6	5	13	20	12	2	288	659	947	18[illegible]	17	18	35	20	14	0	34	3	17	20	1,07[illegible]	674
Penobscot	16	6	9	3	18	17	5	2	482	1,149	1,631	350	33	28	61	29	43	0	72	16	13	29	2,15[illegible]	5,010
Piscataquis	10	2	3	1	6	15	8	1	219	412	631	98	24	8	32	7	10	0	17	16	1	17	631	557
Somerset	12	1	7	3	11	24	13	5	195	391	586	134	5	10	15	9	10	1	20	2	0	2	975	577
Union	17	4	10	5	19	14	16	1	404	766	1,170	217	52	6	58	29	17	0	46	39	6	45	1,223	907
Waldo	12	2	6	4	12	7	3	1	212	567	779	118	14	3	17	12	8	0	20	1	0	1	815	902
Washington	20	2	12	9	23	10	7	2	338	843	1,181	184	20	4	24	17	22	2	41	17	3	20	1,884	2,298
York	28	7	16	1	24	17	4	3	676	1,632	2,308	420	64	39	103	46	33	0	79	43	21	64	2,147	3,018
Fourteen.	242	57	107	59	223				5,908	13,796	19,704	3829	488	289	777	337	375	16	728	300	145	445	22,610	$34,938

The church in Chesterville, disbanded, p. 39. The two churches in Bristol united in one, January 7, 1871, p. 42.

TABLES, Adding thirty-seven ordained ministers without pastoral charge, not in the States, and deducting three who were stated supply in more than one Conference, the whole number of ministers is one hundred and seventy-two. Number of licentiates, fifty-nine. Ministers dismissed, nine. Pastors installed, eight. Pastors ordained, four. Evangelists ordained, six. Ministers formerly residing in the State, deceased, five.

Average ministerial age of all ordained ministers in the State, 18¾ years; of the thirty-seven who have no pastoral charge, twenty-seven years. Average time of settlement of fifty-seven over the churches of which they are now pastors, seven years. Average time of settlement of one hundred and seven stated supplies, 2¾ years. For additional items in this connection, see p. 59. Average time to each Conference may be seen in the above table.

The number received by profession and letter, 777. Removed by death, dismission, and exclusion, 728. Additions above removals, 49. Baptisms, 445. Contributions, $34,938,—including legacies,—$39,500. Total membership, 19,704. Non-residents, 3,829. Number in Sabbath Schools, 22,610,—increase from last year, 198.

Decrease of total membership from last year, 136. Decrease in nine Conferences, viz.: Cumberland, 52; Franklin, 24; Kennebec, 18; Lincoln and Sagadahoc, 21; Oxford, 2; Penobscot, 22; Somerset, 19; Waldo, 9; York, 15;—total, 182. Increase in five Conferences, viz.: Aroostook, 17; Hancock, 8; Piscataquis, 2; Union, 8; Washington, 11;—total, 46.

While the total membership of the churches shows a decrease of 136, the actual additions, above the removals, were 49. The discrepance is owing to some error in the total number of members returned by the churches. It is important that the Scribes of churches should see that their returns agree with the previous year,—adding the receptions, and deducting the removals for the year, for which they report. Non-resident members should be included in the total number of members belonging to the church.

Of the contributions, $13,000 was for Home Missions; $500, Am. Home Miss. Soc.; $17,000, for Foreign Missions,—of which $1,078 for Mission Schools; $900 for Woman's Board; $300, for Morning Star; $4,000, for American Missionary Association; $2,000, Am. Bible Society; $600, Am. Education Society; $800 American Tract Society; $500, Seamen; $500, Am. Colonization Society; $300, Am. and Foreign Christian Union.

AVERAGE TERM OF SERVICE OF MINISTERS.

Of the 172 ordained ministers in the State, the average term of service of whom is 18½ years, four have honorably and faithfully served the Master more than half a century. Dr. Pond, 56 years; Rev. Thomas Adams, 53 years; Dr. Carruthers, 52 years. (Average, 54 years.) Their mental power and activity does not seem a whit abated,—excelling that of many younger men; as was evidenced at the meeting of the General Conference at Bath, in June last.

Ten have been ordained from 41 to 50 years. Average, 44½ years. At the head stands Rev. John A. Douglass, who is the oldest pastor in the State; having been first ordained as pastor of the church in Waterford in 1821, and remaining their pastor to the present day. Nov. 7, 1871, will complete his half century. The remaining nine are, Revs. T. C. Upham, 48 years; N. W. Sheldon, 47; I. Rogers, D. D. Tappan, and S. Thurston, each 45; J. T. Hawes, 43; C. M. Brown, 42; S. Hackett, and R. Woodbull, each 41.

Twenty-five have been ordained from 31 to 40 years. Average, 36 years.

Twenty-eight have been ordained from 21 to 30 years. Average, 24 years.

Forty-nine, ordained from 11 to 20 years. Average, 15½ years.

Fifty-eight, ordained from 1 to 10 years; seven of these ten years. Average, 5½ years.

Of the fifty-seven ministers who have remained continuously over the churches of which they are now pastors, Rev. John A. Douglass has been pastor at Waterford, 50 years; Rev. Sewall Tenney, Ellsworth, 36 years; *four* average 24 years,—viz., Dr. Carruthers, Portland, 25; Dr. Fiske, Bath, 28; Rev. P. B. Thayer, Garland, 23; Rev. D. Garland, Bethel, 22.

Seven average 13 years; viz., Rev. L. Wiswall, Windham, 17 years; Rev. A. E. Ives, Castine, 16; Rev. B. Tappan, Norridgewock, and Rev. J. Wells, Dedham, each 13 years; Rev. D. B. Sewall, Fryeburg, 12 years; Rev. F. V. Norcross, Union, and Rev. C. Whittier, Dennysville, each 11 years

Forty-four have been ordained from 1 to 8 years. Average, 3 years.

BIBLE SOCIETIES IN MAINE.

BIBLE SOCIETIES.	PLACE OF DEPOSITORY.	BY WHOM KEPT.
roostook County	Houlton	Charles P. Tenney.
angor Young Men's	Bangor	E. F. Duren.
unswick	Brunswick	Rev. George C. Crawford.
cksport, union	Buckport	Edward Swasey.
stine, &c., union	Castine	Samuel Adams.
mberland County	Portland	Bailey & Noyes.
er Isle	Deer Isle	H. R. Haskell.
stern Maine Association	Bluehill	Mrs. Thomas.
anklin County	Farmington	Rev. John Allen.
ncock and Union River	Ellsworth	J. W. Jones.
nnebec County	Augusta	Edward Fenno.
wiston and Auburn	Lewiston	T. M. Varney.
coln County	Warren	I. P. Starrett.
ford Conference	South Paris	O. C. Bolster.
ostaquis County	Dover	Mrs. Crocker.
co	Saco	M. Lock.
merset County	Norridgewock	George Sawtelle.
on Conference	Waterford	Rev. John A. Douglass.
shington County	Dennysville	Rev. C. Whittier.
k County	Alfred	William G. Conant.

are also Depositories in Gardiner, Biddeford, and Levant.

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MINISTERS INSTALLED AS PASTORS, DURING THE YEAR ENDING MAY 7, 1871.

Rev. William T. Sleeper	Washburn Mem. ch., Sherman	June 26, 1870	Minutes, 1870, page 3
Rev. Benson M. Frink	First church, Saco	June 30, 1870	Minutes, 1870, page 5
Rev. Benjamin W. Pond	First church, York	Sept. 28, 1870	Minutes, 1871, page 5
Rev. John J. Bulfinch	Cong. church, Freeport	Oct. 18, 1870	Minutes, 1871, page 3
Rev. William Hart	Central church, Bath	Nov. 2, 1870	Minutes, 1871, page 4
Rev. William F. Ober	West Cong. church, Portland	Nov. 17, 1870	Minutes, 1871, page 3
Rev. Moseley H. Williams	Plymouth church, Portland	Nov. 29, 1870	Minutes, 1871, page 3
Rev. Abiel H. Wright	St. Lawrence St. ch., Portland	April 19, 1871	Minutes, 1871, page 3

ORDAINED—YEAR ENDING MAY 7, 1871.

Rev. Benjamin P. Snow	Evangelist, N. Yarmouth	May 10, 1870	Minutes, 1870, page 37
Rev. James Cameron	Evangelist, Greenville	June 15, 1870	Minutes, 1870, page 47
Rev. J. Greenleaf Leavitt	Pastor, Patten & Island Falls	June 27, 1870	Minutes, 1870, page 39
Rev. William A. Spaulding	Pastor, Second ch., N. Castle	Aug. 9, 1870	Minutes, 1871, page 42
Rev. Jeremiah E. Fullerton	Evangelist, Cumberl'd Mills	Sept. 8, 1870	Minutes, 1871, page 35
Rev. William Forsyth	Pastor, Elm St. ch., Bucksp'rt	Sept. 15, 1870	Minutes, 1871, page 40
Rev. Edward Y. Hincks	Pastor, State St. ch., Port'd	Oct. 18, 1870	Minutes, 1871, page 35
Rev. Samuel W. Pearson	Evangelist, Limington	Nov. 2, 1870	Minutes, 1871, page 56
Rev. George A. Lockwood	Evangelist, Oxford	Nov. 16, 1870	Minutes, 1871, page 45
Rev. Edwin P. Wilson	Evangelist, Bridgton Center	Jan. 26, 1871	Minutes, 1871, page 50

DISMISSED—YEAR ENDING MAY 7, 1871.

Rev. Rowland B. Howard	Cong. church, Farmington	Aug. 9, 1870	Minutes, 1871, page 39
Rev. Joel F. Bingham	South church, Augusta	Sept. 5, 1870	Minutes, 1871, page 41
Rev. George A. Putnam	First church, Yarmouth	Nov. 9, 1870	Minutes, 1871, page 35
Rev. Wooster Parker	First church, Belfast	Nov. 14, 1870	Minutes, 1871, page 52
Rev. Eugene H. Titus	First church, Bethel	Dec. 6, 1870	Minutes, 1871, page 45
Rev. Abiel H. Wright	Cong. church, Winterport	Feb. 7, 1871	Minutes, 1871, page 53
Rev. George E. Street	Cong. church, Wiscasset	Feb. 28, 1871	Minutes, 1871, page 44
Rev. Benjamin A. Robie	Cong. church, Waterville	Mch. 13, 1871	Minutes, 1871, page 41
Rev. Samuel Morrison	St. Lawrence St. ch., Portl'd	April 19, 1871	Minutes, 1871, page 36

RESIGNED, OR ASKED DISMISSION—JUNE, 1870, TO OCTOBER, 1871.

Rev. George E. Adams	Cong. church, Brunswick	June, 1870	Minutes, page 36
Rev. Samuel Bowker	Second church, Wells	Aug., 1870	Minutes, page 56
Rev. Charles Packard	First church, Waldoboro'	Nov., 1870	Minutes, page 44
Rev. Leander S. Coan	Cong. church, Brownville	Dec., 1870	Minutes, page 45
Rev. John K. Deering	Cong. church, Minot	Dec., 1870	Minutes, page 36
Rev. William A. Merrill	Cong. church, Lyman	Dec., 1870	Minutes, page 56
Rev. Charles L. Nichols	Cong. church, Pownal	Feb., 1871	Minutes, page 36
Rev. Thomas E. Babb	Central church, Eastport	Mch., 1871	Minutes, page 53
Rev. Uriah W. Small	Cong. church, Cumberland	Apr., 1871	Minutes, page 36
Rev. William W. Dow	Cong. church, Waterford	May, 1871	Minutes, page 51
Rev. Charles Tenney	Pavilion church, Biddeford	May, 1871	Minutes, page 56
Rev. Henry M. Vaill	N. and S. chs., Cape Elizabeth	May, 1871	Minutes, page 36
Rev. Smith Baker	Cong. church, Orono	June, 1871	Minutes, page 46
Rev. Uriah W. Balkam	Pine Street church, Lewiston	June, 1871	Minutes, page 36
Rev. William V. Jordan	Cong. chs. Sanford & S. Sanford	June, 1871	Minutes, page 56
Rev. Edward P. Thwing	Second church, Westbrook	June, 1871	Minutes, page 36
Rev. John W. H. Baker	First church, Topsham	July, 1871	Minutes, page 44
Rev. Stephen L. Bowler	Cong. church, Hampden	July, 1871	Minutes, page 46
Rev. Henry F. Harding	Center Street church, Machias	July, 1871	Minutes, page 53
Rev. G. B. Richardson	First church, New Castle	July, 1871	Minutes, page 44
Rev. Jonathan G. Leavitt	Cong. chs., Patten & Island Falls	Aug., 1871	Minutes, page 39
Rev. Franklin D. Austin	Cong. church, Presque Isle	Sept., 1871	Minutes, page 39
Rev. Charles C. Parker	Cong. church, Gorham	Oct., 1871	Minutes, page 36

REPORTS.

INE BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

st year has been one of the average experience of this Society, with perhaps ght additional interest in its welfare on the part of certain individuals. No growth of interest on the part of the churches is discoverable. Yet it is to note that those who care for the young men working their way to the min- the gospel, still keep them in their affectionate remembrance.

rs to us that it would be a pleasant undertaking for the Young Men's Chris- ciations to have some declared interest in the preparation of young men for ic and stated preaching of the gospel. And we take this opportunity to to any members of these associations within hearing of this Report, that e fruits of these Christian gatherings most acceptable to the church of Christ an annual graduation of some from each association into some High School, or Seminary, to be put on training for the regular pastorate. If the begin- Christian work are so delightful to young men, what must a life devoted to r be? "I seek not yours, but you," said the apostle to those supposing quest of property instead of souls. And so would we say to these young not a collection of money from you, but a collection of men; *not yours, but*

iety reports, also, that it would be greatly aided by the prayers and sympa- e churches who are not able to contribute money to its funds. Not *yours* give us yourselves in heart, in speech, in behavior. Now and then a minis- member of a church sends a little gift himself, the church not caring to do as a body. This does a world of good. What do the churches think of a this sort read on the day on which a collection would be taken were the le: "Seeing we have no young men to send into the ministry, nor any help those who can go from other churches, the prayers of the church are be offered, as all that we can do to fill up this widening want in Christian At the year's end, with such a fund of Christian love and self-denial as ers would bring into the young men's hearts, every hardship would be nd in their deprivations they would cheerfully thank God for what the *had*—forgetting what they *had not.*

who have been aided in their preparation, twelve good men and true have ated from the Bangor Seminary, and, we believe, the churches helping he great day of account will not find that their contributions were mis-

WM. M. BARBOUR, *Sec. for Maine.*

BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Incorporated February 25, 1814.

REPORT OF VISITING COMMITTEE.

mittee appointed to visit Bangor Theological Seminary at its semi-centen- ersary, 1870, submit the following Report.

rman of your Committee is happy in being able to state that almost every filled his appointment, and was present at the examination of the classes,

and other exercises of the Fiftieth Anniversary of our beloved Theological Semin ary.

In number, we were fully equal to the men sent by Moses, according to divine direction, to search into the state of things in Canaan, and make a full report. We could not chaim divine appointment, but we felt we were doing the Lord's business, and looking after the interests of an important portion of his people.

We were cordially received by the Faculty of the Seminary, and every desired facility was afforded us in the prosecution of our work. The venerable President fervently prayed for us, and besought the Lord to direct us to a thorough investigation of the affairs of the Institution, and permit us, if consistent, to make a favorable report.

Such a report we feel warranted to make in most respects. Judged by what it has done and endured in the past, what it is doing and enduring at the present time, what it is capable of doing in the future, we do not hesitate to say, that the Theological Seminary of Maine stands high among the sister Institutions of our land. It is about as near right as things earthly are generally found to be. Its worst thing is its poverty. For this it is not responsible, and should not be despised, but loved and cherished the more.

As we stood on the commanding eminence where the Seminary is situated, we could not refrain from exclaiming, as did the Psalmist, of Mount Zion, "Beautiful for situation!" As we thought of the ministers, at home and abroad, it has sent out to proclaim the message of salvation to a lost world, we felt justified in applying the further exclamation of the Psalmist to the object so dear to his heart, "The joy of the whole earth." As we looked upon its symmetrical and thoroughly constructed buildings, we cherished the hope that they might remain till the end of many other half centuries, to be occupied by hundreds of unborn sons of the church, as eminently useful as those who have preceded them. We said, in our hearts, if this Institution has done so much for God, with so little help from his people, what will it do when they furnish the means it demands and deserves.

Your committee were not divided in their opinion of the fitness of the Faculty for the places they occupy. We believe a kind Providence has directed the trustees to men, intellectually, theologically, and experimentally qualified for the important stations they occupy; that Congregationalism and evangelical religion are safe in their hands; and that the churches of our order in the State may congratulate themselves that such men are training the future ambassadors for Christ.

Your committee were delighted with the enthusiasm manifested by the Professors in their work, communicating their own zealous spirit to the students, and imparting a like inspiration to all who listened to the examinations. It was demonstrated beyond a doubt, that a course of theological training may be very severe, and yet prosecuted with all the ardor of living men, and without detriment to spiritual attainments.

We were not divided in our opinion of the students. Through a thorough examination, they acquitted themselves well. The graduating class numbered nine, and nearly all had been engaged before the term of study closed, and had a particular field of labor on which to enter. We think that under the tuition of Professor Barbour, they learned how to select texts; and how to make sermons which have unity, thought, directness, application, and unction in them; and that they will prove themselves workmen needing not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

The appearance of the Middle and Junior classes made a very favorable impression

t our minds. Professor Herrick rides no theological hobby, is not tied to any division
the schools, does not let philosophy spoil him as a religious teacher. His pupils
roved that they possessed ability to distinguish truth, and defend it against the
tacks of error.

Those of your committee and other competent judges present at the examination
the Junior class in Hebrew, by Professor Talcott, and his assistant, Thomas H.
ch, expressed great satisfaction with the proficiency of the students in this study,
d felt that those who have feared lest it was being dangerously neglected, may no
nger fear where no fear is.

Your committee were of one mind as to the general state of the Seminary at the
ose of its half century career. They think it is such as calls upon the Congrega-
nal churches of Maine to thank God for the past, take encouragement for the
ture, and evince the sincerity of their gratitude and trust, by *devising* and *executing*
me measures which will raise the Institution above the embarrassments it has long
en compelled to struggle against by its deep poverty. It is really poor, although
friends have often supposed it immensely rich. It has lingered through fifty years
promises and pledges, and would have died long ago but for the faith, prayer, lib-
ality, and self-denial of a faithful few. It has felt, through its whole system, how
"the talk of the lips tendeth only to penury," and its imploring cry to the churches of
aine to-day is, "Let us no more love in word and in tongue, but in deed and in
uth." Its bitter lamentation now is, that Memorial year, which raised the hope of
eedy and full endowment of the Seminary, has come and gone, and done nothing
increase its resources. The President and Treasurer inform us that the expenses
the last two years considerably exceeded the income, and that unless funds be
rgely increased, a heavy debt will be contracted.

The Seminary has already cost several thousand dollars. It still asks for more. Does
deserve more? This question may be decided by putting its cost into one scale, and
compensation into the other. In his Historic Address at the semi-centennial
niversary of the Seminary, published by request of the Alumni and the Trustees,
. Pond says, "I admit that we have needed, have called for, and have received a
od deal of money. And now I ask, has this money been wasted? Have we not
mething left to show for it? Here is, in the first place, a solidly established Theo-
gical Institution in good working order,—in a situation, if suitably cared for, to go
to other generations,—with grounds, buildings, furniture, and library, worth more
an $70,000. And here are funds, safely and profitably invested, for the support of
ofessors and the aid of needy students, to the amount of $150,000. Nor is this all.
re are our more than five hundred alumni,—ministers of Christ, who received
ir professional training here, and have gone forth into different parts of the State,
o other States, and not a few of them to heathen lands, publishing the salvation
the gospel, and exerting themselves in a thousand ways, to elevate and bless
ir fellow men."

The Seminary now has a written history, covering a period of fifty years. It is
own and read with intense interest, by thousands of its friends. This history
ves the wisdom of those godly men and women who originated and founded the
titution and have made it what it is. This history establishes, beyond the shadow
a doubt, the fact, that the Seminary is not in debt to the church or the world; but
church and the world are in debt to the Seminary. But there is an unwritten
ry of this Institution, read only by the eye of Omniscience. It is beyond the
[redacted] of man, and too great for human comprehension. The disclosures of the

final day will reveal it. Thousands and tens of thousands of redeemed spirits raised to heavenly glory, will bless God for the Seminary, and speak its praise to all eternity.

In view of what the Seminary has already done, and is yet destined to do,—in view of what its Professors have a right to expect of us, as fellow helpers,—in view of what we owe ourselves, as Congregationalists,—in view of the noble example of other denominations of Christians, in liberally endowing their schools of sacred learning,—in view of the calls of Maine, and the calls of the world for thoroughly educated ministers,—in view of the claims of Christ upon us to proclaim his gospel to every creature, let us take the precious legacy bequeathed us by our fathers, and hand it down to our children, greatly increased in value, and prepare it for a history in the future far more glorious than that of the past.

As the anniversary of the Seminary for 1871 has already taken place, and no official report will be given to the Conference for the past year, I may be permitted to say, that some of your committee were present at the last examinations and selected one of their number to inform me of the satisfaction and pleasure with which they listened to them, and to the more public exercises of the occasion. The Senior class gave evidence of more than ordinary ability, and of patient and close application to study. Their parts, both as to delivery and style, were excellent. The examinations of the other classes showed thoroughness on the part of professors and students.

Dr. Pond having resigned the chair of ecclesiastical history, Rev. Levi L. Paine has taken his place, and been duly inducted into office. Dr. Pond is still President of the Faculty, and labors, in every practical way, to promote the interests of the Seminary. It is now fully provided with professors in the several departments. May the blessing of God the Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost rest upon them, and upon the beloved Institution over which they preside.

THOMAS N. LORD, *Chairman of the Committee.*

TRUSTEES OF THE BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Searsport, *President*.....1850
George W. Pickering, of Bangor, *Vice-president*.....1837
Dea. Joseph S. Wheelwright, of Bangor, *Secretary*.....1850
Rev. George E. Adams, of Orange, N. J.....1850
Dea. George A. Thatcher, of Bangor.....1850
Dea. Henry Darling, of Bucksport.....1852
Rev. Wooster Parker, of Belfast.....1858
Rev. Richard Woodhull, of Bangor.....1864
Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine.....1865
Richard P. Buck, of Brooklyn, N. Y.....1867
Dea. Samuel D. Thurston, of Bangor.....1867
Rev. Benjamin Tappan, of Norridgewock.....1868
Rev. Stephen H. Hayes, of South Weymouth, Mass.....1869
Dea. Simon Page, of Hallowell.....1869
Rev. Solomon P. Fay, of Bangor.....1871

FACULTY.

Rev. ENOCH POND, D. D., President, ...1833
Rev. D. SMITH TALCOTT, D. D., HAYES Professor of Sacred Literature.....1839
Rev. JOHN R. HERRICK, D. D., BUCK Professor of Christian Theology.....1867

Rev. WILLIAM M. BARBOUR, D. D., FOGG Professor of Sacred Rhetoric, and Lecturer on the English Language.....1868
Rev. LEVI L. PAINE, WALDO Professor of Ecclesiastical History, and Pastoral Duties.....1871
MARK BAILEY, Teacher of Elocution.....1862

TREASURER AND GENERAL AGENT.

Rev. RICHARD WOODHULL, of Bangor.....Elected Nov. 20, 1862
☞Office, South wing of Commons House.

Term commences twelve weeks from the Anniversary,—which is held on the Thursday following the first Wednesday in June. Examination of classes, and Society addresses, on Tuesday and Wednesday previous.

FIFTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE SEMINARY....1871.

Tuesday, June 6.—Examination of the Junior and Senior classes—a. m. and p. m., in the chapel of the Seminary.

Evening.—Address by Rev. Andrew Peabody, D. D., of Harvard College, before the Rhetorical Society, and Society of Inquiry, in the Hammond Street Church. Theme—The ground of right.—The relation of philosophy to religion.

Wednesday, June 7, A. M.—Examination of the Middle class, in the chapel.

Afternoon.—A social meeting of the Alumni, in Hammond Street Church; Rev. Josiah T. Hawes, of Litchfield, presiding.

Reference was made to the death of Edward P. Kingsbury (of the Class in 1869), in Newton Center, Mass., April 4, 1871, aet. 29 (see p. 32).

A committee were appointed to make arrangements for a meeting of the Alumni next year.

Evening, at the First Parish Church.—Exercises connected with the inauguration of Rev. Levi Leonard Paine, as Professor of Ecclesiastical History. After the singing of a hymn, and prayer by Rev. Thomas G. Mitchell, of Madison, Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine, of the Board of Trustees, delivered an introductory address. Rev. Stephen Thurston, President of the Board of Trustees, referred to the election of Rev. L. L. Paine, as Professor, and of his acceptance of the same. Prof. Paine then appended his signature to the Confession of Faith, and delivered his inaugural address. Theme—Christianity contains within itself, and in its relation to the world, a principle of development and progress,—complete and yet progressive; and the advantages to be derived from the study of Christianity as an historical religion. Prayer of inauguration, by Rev. Sewall Tenney, of Ellsworth.

Thursday, A. M.—The graduating exercises of the Senior class, were held in Central Church. Prayer by Professor John R. Herrick. Addresses were delivered by six members of the class. Appropriate music at intervals, by the choir of the church. Address to the class by the President, Dr. Pond. Prayer and Benediction by Rev. Hikanah Walker, of Forest City, Oregon, who graduated from the Seminary thirty-five years since, and was present to see his son graduate from the same institution.

In the evening there was a social gathering of the Alumni, Students, Trustees, and friends, in the Seminary chapel.

The Triennial Catalogue has been published. Number of Graduates, 500. Number who studied one and two years, 110. Total, 610. Deceased, 146; supposed to be living, 464. Total, 610.

Prof. D. S. Talcott sailed in the "Tripoli," for Europe, soon after the Anniversary, and was absent four months.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CLASSICAL SCHOOL.

It would be a source of deeper regret to your Executive Committee that they are unable to report any progress in the important work intrusted to their charge, did they not feel the strongest assurance that the delay and the thought and the discussion of the past year have advanced the interests of the school more than their most laborious activity could have done, and brought the enterprise nearer to the hoped for consummation. Though the location decided upon was not found available for the purposes of the Committee, it has drawn out decided expressions of opinion given publicity to the object, aroused a deeper interest, and so matured the whole project for the wise decision of this important question.

This being then the preliminary and still pending question before us, it seems necessary to consider the character and objects of the proposed school, since in the view of these only can a right settlement of this question be attained. And in doing this also we shall have performed an important service to the same in developing the idea, and unfolding before the Conference in a clearer light the plan of the school contemplated, which appears to be not yet very generally understood.

First, then, this Classical School is created, primarily, in the interest of Bowdoin College. It is well known that all the other denominational Colleges in the State, have already similar schools in succesful operation, working earnestly in the interest of their respective institutions, growing in numbers and reputation daily. Our Baptist friends propose to endow their Classical School immediately with $50,000. It is also a well-known fact, that many of our most promising students are lost to us finally by being compelled to seek in other States for the improved facilities and thorough training demanded by the times. The old Academy system is fast dying out, and the best High Schools can never make first-rate preparatory Schools. Is it a wonder that from all these causes the number of students in our College should be limited? Can Bowdoin College alone afford to dispense with those aids, or compete with the rest, while her natural supply is thus cut off or diverted into other channels? We may accumulate funds to any extent, and fill all its chairs with the ablest professors, and provide all the modern appliances of education, if there shall still remain a deficiency of students, its prosperity and usefulness must necessarily be very limited, and the best hopes of its friends and patrons fail of realization.

That a Classical School would remedy this difficulty to a considerable extent there can be no reasonable doubt, and so manifestly it becomes a necessity to the College.

Again, our Theological Seminary labors under the same difficulty. It was founded, it has been cherished and sustained at the cost of great labor and sacrifice, in the confident hope that Maine might educate her own ministers. And now first relieved of its pressing financial embarrassments, with all its professorships filled, and fully equiped for its work, its catalogue discloses a deficiency of material. Should this deficiency become chronic and irremediable, and the Seminary fail to supply the churches of Maine to any considerable extent with able and efficient ministers, will not the feeling spread and strengthen that it has failed to perform its function? Will not practical and sagacious men, in the spirit of the age, begin to say that it is a fearfully expensive way to educate ministers, and on grounds of economy alone, advise its speedy consolidation with some other institutions of a similar kind.

Now the proposed School will help the Seminary in a twofold manner. First, by helping the College. Secondly, and to a larger extent we may hope in another way.

any of our smaller churches are without ministers, in the rural districts, where re-
gion has of late years seemed to be dying out, there is springing up among the peo-
e generally, a strong demand for earnest unsectarian ministers of the gospel. There
s no doubt a hundred such fields to-day ripe for the harvest, and only waiting for
e laborers. For such fields, a liberal education makes ministers both too expensive
d too ambitious, and seems rather to disqualify, than adapt them for the work
here the pastor is more than the preacher. Now are there not scattered up and
wn through our churches young men of promising talents and earnest piety seek-
g a vocation, ready and willing to devote themselves to the Master's service, to
om this School would open the way, where, sent by their respective churches,
y might be prepared for a partial or complete Theological course, and so making
re efficient and successful ministers than many who have toiled and sweat
rough the long course of a college curriculum, oftentimes to little or no purpose.
Again, besides the classical, this plan embodies also an English department of the
ghest order, and for both sexes, like those at Andover and Bradford, and numer-
s others in New England. Many of our sons, and most all of our daughters, who
k the highest advantages, are educated in these schools at an enormous expense,
ich places them beyond the reach of all but the wealthy. In the only two cata-
gues of these schools, for the current year, which we have seen, are the names of
enty-five Maine girls. And one of the most eminent female teachers of Massa-
setts stated that her best scholars came from Maine. Every year families of
alth and intelligence are lost to the State from this cause. And if Maine cannot pro-
e for these highest wants, no wonder they are anxious to get out of it, and that the
ling should be so prevalent that Maine is a good State to be born in, but a poor
ce to live and grow up in. We need several such schools, and we have not one.
d lest it should be inferred from this that this school is intended for the benefit of
rich alone, we are allowed just to hint of a known purpose to make ample pro-
on for giving to young men in moderate circumstances, and not aspiring to a lib-
l education, the advantage of a wide range of studies such as will fit them for a
h position in the various industries of life.

We can barely allude to, without attempting to discuss, the relation of this School,
the general interests of education,—a subject that is profoundly agitating the
ds of all thinking men. A more elevated standard of college education; a more
rough and accurate scholarship; a broader culture; a larger development of the
llectual powers of man,—these are the greatest problems of the age.

ow shall old Bowdoin, dreaming among her whispering pines over her past glo-
, fail to catch a new impulse from the spirit of the age,—cherish no higher aims
ambitions? Then she might as well give up the ghost at once. To go up or go
er is the only alternative. But for any great achievement in this direction we
t manifestly begin with the preparatory course. The best High Schools are too
ral in their purposes. A thorough training-school is the preliminary and abso-
condition of highest scholarship.

t the mightier problem for this age is the question of education and religion,—
istianity and culture, as the phrase is. In a recent discussion on the Bible in the
lic schools, the distinguished Professor Huxley said there are three sects in the
d to-day, Protestants, Catholics, and Scientists, and with evident exultation he
forward to the time when, by means of education, and as the result of it, the
former shall be abolished, and the latter, the Scientists, alone remain. Now if the
is to be banished from the public schools, or at least Bible instruction, then is it

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BACCALAUREATE SERMON, *Sabbath evening, July* 9, 1871, by Rev. SAMUEL HARRIS, D. D., President of the College. Text—Matt. 20:27. *Theme*—The Christian law of service,—greatness for service,—and greatness by service.

Monday evening, July 10.—Prize Declamation of the Junior class.

Tuesday afternoon, July 11.—Address before the Alumni, by Rev. Edwin Pond Parker, of the class 1856. *Theme*—Love of truth, as related to freedom of thought.

4 *P. M.*—Annual meeting of the Alumni. *Evening*,—Concert.

Wednesday July 12.—Commencement exercises by the Senior class.

Thursday July 13, 10 *A. M.*—Address before the Phi Beta Kappa Fraternity, by Rev. James McCosh, D. D., President of Princeton College, N. Y. *Theme*—In the true as well as in the good and beautiful, as in God himself, there is oneness with diversity,—constituting a universal harmony. *Poem*—by Edward Payson Weston, (Alum. 1839) of Lake Forest Seminary, Illinois.

The Honorary Degree of LL. D., conferred on Rev. President Samuel Harris, D. D.; Ex. Gov. Wm. G. Crosby, of Belfast; Charles Deane, Esq., of Cambridge, Mass. That of D. D. on Rev. John O. Means, of Boston Highlands, and Rev. Edward F. Cutter, of Rockland.

Rev. Edwin B. Webb, D. D., and Hon. Peleg W. Chandler, of Boston, elected Trustees, in place of President Joshua L. Chamberlain, and Hon. Henry H. Boody, of New York; Wm. Symonds, of Portland; J. R. Osgood, of Boston; F. L. Talbot, of E. Machias, and Wm. S. Perry, of Brunswick, elected to the Board of Overseers.

Ex-Judge Ether Shepley, of Portland, and Mrs. Wm. B. Sewall, of Kennebunk, give $1000 each for Scholarships.

Rev. SAMUEL HARRIS, D. D., President of the College, elected Dwight Professor of Didactic Theology, in the Divinity School, New Haven, Conn., April, 1871. The Boards at the session in July, yielded to his request for a release from the Presidency of the College,—and adopted resolutions in testimony of their high esteem for him, and the value of his administration,—conferring on him the honorary degree of LL. D., and requesting that he would sit for his portrait to be placed in the College.

Ex-Gov. and Gen. JOSHUA LAWRENCE CHAMBERLAIN, was elected as PRESIDENT of the College.

A handsome monument has been erected over the grave of the late Professor William Smythe. On the north front is the name, "Smythe,"—with appropriate inscriptions on the other faces.

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For information, or remittances for the Congregational House, or gifts to the Congregational Library, address Rev. Isaac P. Langworthy, *Cor. Sec.*, as above. Vice-president for Maine, Hon. Wm. W. Thomas, Portland. Eighteenth annual Report in Cong. Quarterly, July, 1871, pp. 466–479. Contributions from Maine for the year, $211.

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Annual Meeting of the Board in Salem, Mass., October 3, 1871.

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Provisional Body for Evangelizing lands nominally Christian.—Organized in Springfield, Mass., June 29, 1871. Hon. Wm. A. Buckingham, *President;* Dr. Buddington, Brooklyn, N. Y., *Cor. Sec.;* Samuel Holmes, Esq., 4 Beekman St., New York City, *Treasurer;* Rev. J. P. Thompson, New York City, *Chairman Ex. Com.*

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To these, and to the churches, young people and others coming to reside where they exist, may be commended for acquaintance and fellowship.

Fifth annual meeting of the State Association met in Augusta, October 27, 28, 1870. Report in Augusta, Bangor, Lewiston, and Portland Dailies.

National and International Convention in 1872, at Lowell, Mass.

Rev. Wm. Warren, and Rev. B. G. Snow, presented the claims of Foreign Mis in northern and eastern Maine, in the autumn of 1870.

"These for Those,"—"Our indebtedness to Christian Missions," is the title book written by Rev. Wm. Warren, and published in August, 1870. 400 pps. 12 1

The new missionary ship Morning Star, arrived at the Sandwich Islands, J 1871, in 126 days from Boston, having left February 26. Rev. Benjamin G. and wife, with other missionaries were expecting to sail in her for the Micron Islands, July 18.

Thanksgiving Day, State and National, Nov. 24, 1870.

State Fast, April 13, 1871.

State Sabbath School Convention, 1872, in Dexter.

ADDENDA.

Omitted on page 60.—Rev. EDWIN S. TINGLEY, ordained EVANGELIST, in BROWNFIELD, ruary 1, 1871. Minutes, page 51.

The following returns were made to the Publishing Committee in July and August, too late incorporated in the Tables. They do not change materially the result, as given in the Sum Page 57.

Abbott and Guilford.—Male members, 8; Female members, 8; Total, 11. Non-resident, 1. bath School, 50.

Baldwin.—Male member, 1; Females, 6; Total, 7. Non-residents, 1.

Cape Elizabeth, First Church.—Male members, 5; Female, 20; Total, 25. Non-reside Died, 1. Sabbath School, 75.

Cherryfield.—Male members, 8; Female, 8; Total, 11. Added by profession, 1; Lett Died, 2; Dismissed, 1. Baptism, 1. Sabbath School, 60.

Durham.—Male members, 12; Female, 28; Total, 40. Non-residents, 7. Added by profess Dismissed, 2.

Falmouth, First Church.—Male members, 29; Female, 90; Total, 119. Non-residents, 19 movals, 5. Sabbath School, 120. Contributions, $111.

Lee.—Male members, 8; Female, 15; Total, 23. Non-residents, 8. Removed, 1. Infant bapt Sabbath School, 60. Donations, 25.

Scarboro'.—Male members, 23; Female, 38; Total, 61. Non-residents, 14; Died, 2. Dismiss Infant baptism, 1. Sabbath School, 60.

Vassalboro'.—Male members, 4; Female, 27; Total, 31. Non-residents, 9. Died, 8; Dismis Sabbath School, 70. Donations, $41.

In the Table of Oxford Conference, p. 45, the figures 7, 1, 40, in column *Ministerial Age*, moved down one line; they belong to Merry, Lockwood, and Elliot.

There may be added for the present, to the ministers without pastoral charge,—

Rev. Nathan W. Sheldon	Ordained	June 22, 1824	Dover.
Rev. Uriah Balkam	"	" 15, 1841	Lewiston,
Rev. Uriah W. Small	"	September 22, 1859	Cumberland C

The salutations of the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, to the G al Conference of the Congregational Churches of Maine, were conveyed by Rev. S. G. Dodd, St. John, N. B., in a letter which was not received until after the adjournment of the sessi Bath. (Published in Ch. M., Aug., 15, 1871.)

MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

SERMON AND REPORT.

SIXTY-FOURTH ANNIVERSARY.

1871.

6

SERMON.

By
Rev. Albert Cole.

niel 2: 44.— AND IN THE DAYS OF THESE KINGS SHALL THE GOD OF HEAVEN SET UP A KINGDOM, WHICH SHALL NEVER BE DESTROYED: AND THE KINGDOM SHALL NOT BE LEFT TO OTHER PEOPLE, BUT IT SHALL BREAK IN PIECES AND CONSUME ALL THESE KINGDOMS, AND IT SHALL STAND FOREVER.

THERE was great rejoicing in the city of Berlin, a few months since, hen William, the sovereign, returned from the French war. For eat events for the renown of Prussia had transpired since he went rth. After the declaration of war by France in mid-summer of last ar, and the winning of the first success by Napoleon on crossing e boundary line of the two countries, how suddenly were the tables rned, and how many and great were the victories won by the German arms; till the French emperor, and two of his best generals, and ir entire armies, were taken prisoners; and some of the strongest rtresses, and most opulent cities, and great Paris itself, were capred; and a peace was conquered, with the cession of territory, and e assurance of vast sums of indemnification. William went forth the king of Prussia; he returned as the emperor of united Germay, according to the expressed wish of those kings and princes who the descendants and successors of the old electors of the German pire. And thus suddenly did Prussia become the leading State, d her sovereign the imperial head, of one of the mightiest empires the world. A great and rapid growth, from small beginnings; for ussia was by far the youngest of all the great monarchies of Europe. n 1511, Albert of Brandenburg was chosen grand master of the utonic knights, who possessed a strip of territory on the north of and. In 1525, this order of knighthood was abolished in Prussia, its territory was made a hereditary duchy under Albert, a fief of and. In 1657, it became independent. In 1701, the duke of Brandenburg assumed the royal style and authority, as Frederic I, king of

Prussia. And now this little kingdom, 170 years old, has suddenly grown into a great empire. And a lineal descendant of Albert, grand master of the Teutonic knights, and first duke of Brandenburg, is its emperor, chosen by its kings and princes, and recognized as such by the governments of Christendom.

Yes, that was a great day in Berlin, when William Hohenzollern, emperor of Germany, returned to his people and capital, from his wondrously successful war in France. How all the officers of those grand, victorious armies, and all the soldiers as well,—and all, that, staying at home, men, women, and children, contributed in any way to the success thereof, rejoiced that they had a hand in the matter. And their descendants, for generations to come, will read, with patriotic and family pride, the history of the conquest of France, Anno Domini 1870, and the unification of Germany thereupon, and the establishment of the great German empire.

But Berlin, and all Germany, and all Europe, and all the world, will, by and by, and probably in less time than the kingdom of Prussia has occupied in growing so large, see a greater and happier day. It will be the day in which the unification of the whole world will be completed, and the full establishment of Christ's empire of truth and love, embracing all the nations of mankind, will be proclaimed. The day which John of Patmos saw in prophetic vision, when "There were great voices in heaven, saying, the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever."

Let us contemplate, a few moments,

THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST.

I. *There is such a kingdom.* It is not a creature of imagination, but a reality. The Scriptures everywhere speak of it. The text is a striking instance. After describing the four great monarchies that succeeded each other in Asia and Europe,—the Assyrian, the Medo-Persian, the Grecian, and the Roman, as denoted severally by the gold, the silver, the brass, and the iron of Nebuchadnezzar's dream-image,—the prophet gives utterance to our text: "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall

lestroyed." And the royal dreamer, after he recovers from years' insanity, and is brought to worship the true God, is proclaim the same approaching glorious kingdom of the (Dan. 4: 3). And the prophet, who had a vision of four responding to the four parts of the king's image, and cov- ame ground in prophetic history, with an important addi- corded in his 7th chapter, was assured by the angel sent to him the vision, of the establishment and prosperity e Divine kingdom. And in many places in the Psalms, ets, and the New Testament, particularly in the Revelation, ce, and greatness, and glory, and blessedness of this king- lainly taught, and dwelt upon with delight, by the sacred who all look forward with exultation to the time when "the all be given to Christ for his inheritance, and the uttermost e earth for his possession;" and he shall be joyfully ac- d in heaven and earth as "King of kings, and Lord of lords."

God's kingdom, and not man's. It is the kingdom of the the Almighty,—and not of the creature of a day, who is efore the moth." How men have labored, and fought, and ied, ever since "Nimrod, the mighty hunter," erected the m known to history, to establish themselves and their sons y, to build up their dynasties, to erect kingdoms and em- their sway, and to promote their emolument and happi- how futile, for the most part, have been these labors; and ssful now and then, how soon the mightiest empires have nd fallen, and the most powerful dynasties been dethroned ed. And while they remained, how little of true enjoy- appiness accrued to the rulers. Damocles always sees, in and age, as well as in the days of Dionysius, the glitter- ust over him, suspended by a single hair. And the bright- of earth have ever been lined with thorns. These king- mpires of man have rapidly succeeded each other in the ory; each helping break down the one before it, to be n in turn by that which came after it.

ingdom of God "and of his Christ" survives the wreck of all the ancient monarchies, and of modern king-

doms and empires, as they fall one after another. And it grows larger and larger, and more firmly knit, continually; absorbing the kingdoms of man, and yet leaving them entire; not meddling with them, only as leaven meddles with the house-wife's "measures of meal." It is altogether unlike them; as Christ said, "My kingdom is not of this world." Though small in its beginning, it is rising grandly above them all; it already overtowers them, and is showing itself far more beautiful and splendid.

III. *It is a spiritual kingdom.* It is not a kingdom of brute force, —of armies, and navies, and fortresses, and guns, and swords, and cannon; of battles, and blood-shed, and war, and devastation. It is one of mind and intelligence, of ideas and principles, of truth and love. Its agents and propagators go out to their work all unarmed; with neither sword, nor spear, nor shield. The weapons of their warfare are truth and benevolence; and their battle-cry is, "On earth peace, good-will toward men." There are no blood-stains, no marks of violence, no devastation, in their pathway; unless, indeed, there be here and there stains of their own blood, shed by persecutors. The Scriptural emblems of their course are the increased verdure, and bloom, and fruitfulness, that mark the flowing of a river through a dry land. "The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose."

Its rules and maxims are quite unlike those of earthly kingdoms; save only as the latter have been modified and improved by those of the kingdom of Christ. And just so far as the servants of our Lord, in any evil time, have adopted the maxims and policy of the world, and have tried to bring Christ's kingdom into conformity to those of the world, and to make it one of pomp and pageantry, of glitter and pride, and of Machiavelian tactics and strategy; just so far they have shorn it of its glory and power, increasing perhaps its numbers, but decreasing its strength and vitality, and bringing it down from its high position in the sight of all. Peter used the sword just before his denial of his Lord. When the church at Rome was seated on the throne of the Cæsars, she became corrupt. When the dogma of the Pope's infallibility was promulgated, he lost at once the confidence and love of many of the noblest and best of his bishops, and priests,

and people; and a division began in the Roman church which we hope will ripen into a reformation, wider, and more glorious and beneficial to the world than that under the lead of Luther and Calvin.

Truth, simplicity, integrity, purity, love, earnest faithfulness, and cheerful obedience to Christ, should be the unchanging characteristics of the servants of God; for these are the foundation-principles of the Divine kingdom. For it is a spiritual kingdom, the dominion of ideas and sentiments, the empire of truth and holy charity. "The kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost."

IV. *Its origin and growth are suited to its spiritual nature.* It was not, like the kingdoms of the world, founded in war and conquest; nor in any worldly scheming and contrivance of man. In the vision of the Assyrian monarch, "The stone was cut out of the mountain without hands." Who would have thought, that the few, unlettered fishermen of Galilee could found a power to remain after they were dead, and to flourish in the teeth of the mightiest opposition, and to overcome great Rome itself, and to continue to spread these eighteen centuries, until all the highly civilized and most powerful nations of the earth should be under its predominant influence; and all this while lose nothing of its peculiar character and prestige, but add thereto; and be as leaven leavening the lump of humanity? But was this kingdom really founded by those illiterate fishermen? No. "The stone was cut out of the mountain without hands." "The God of Heaven set up this kingdom." Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Divine man, the Babe of Bethlehem, laid the foundation of it in his atonement, and by declaring the truth to men; by bringing into the world the precepts, maxims, and principles of heaven; by sending the Holy Spirit to take these heavenly germs, and plant them in the hearts of men; and to water, warm, and cherish them by celestial influences; and to cause them to spring up into new and fruitful life; and thus to call men "from darkness into his marvelous light." And as individuals, one by one, are thus born into the kingdom, and "renewed in the image of God;" the leaven is working in the community of which they are members. And as their influence bears on others, bringing them into the kingdom also, and on others still, modifying their views,

and feelings, and lives; the face of society is renewed, communities and nations are brought back to allegiance unto God, and the Divine kingdom increases in breadth, and beauty, and blessedness. Thus it makes its conquests, not by war, nor by the diplomacy and scheming of men; but by the truth of Jesus, the word of God, wielded like a sharp two-edged sword by the Spirit. Hence the figure in Revelation (19: 15) of Christ going forth to conquer the nations, with a two-edged sword proceeding out of his mouth. And hence his own saying, "The kingdom of God cometh not with observation." "Behold, the kingdom of God is within you." For it is set up, not outwardly, with pomp, and pageantry, and worldly power; but inwardly, in the hearts of men, by the Holy Spirit acting on the heart, by means of the truths of revealed religion. And the borders of Zion are enlarged in the same way, by human instrumentality in presenting the truth, by the preaching of the gospel in public and private; by the renewed man going to his brother man, with the Bible in his hands, and the gospel of Christ on his lips, and the love of Christ in his heart, shining out through his holy, loving life. How unlike the growth of the kingdoms of the world! How suited to the spiritual kingdom of Christ!

V. *It is to be universal and everlasting.* Our text says, "It shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever." This indeed would be naturally inferred, from the manner in which its rise and progress was emblemized,—by a stone cut out of the mountain without hands, and becoming a mountain, and filling the whole earth. As well as from the declaration, that the "God of heaven shall set up" this kingdom. For if those old monarchies of brute force and human origin should be so great, and remain so long, how much, in every particular, should God's grand spiritual monarchy excel them all. And the angel said to Daniel, in the 7th chapter, "And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him." And all through the Scriptures the same ideas are set forth frequently, as plainly as language can express them. So that this kingdom of our Lord, which has been

long a time in building, is not for a single nation, nor a single race of men, however great; but for all races and nations under the sun, a blessed boon from heaven to all alike, and on equal footing to all. It is a kingdom of liberty, equality, fraternity, in the truest and highest sense, meeting the cravings of the human soul. Nor is it to last only a century, or a thousand years; but "it shall stand forever." The Roman empire grew weak in the course of ages; the sun may grow old and dim, and cease to shine; but the kingdom of our Lord shall never cease to be youthful and vigorous, and shall never wane one jot in glory and blessedness. For as thought and truth never become old and effete; so the empire of Christ, which is built on thought and truth, the thought and truth of the eternal God, can never, never fail.

VI. *There are events in history, which unmistakably indicate the speedy universality of the kingdom of Christ.* The one grand fact foretold in the text, and in the vision of the Assyrian king, which afterward took place so exactly according to the prophecy, the crumbling and falling of those great monarchies one after another, and the rising of this new and singular power from among their ruins, and in a way so strange, and its continuance, growth, and wide spreading, through the centuries and the nations, notwithstanding the fierce war made upon it by the forces of the world, all along the track of time,—this one great fact, or series of facts, most plainly points to a fulfillment near at hand of this cheering prophecy. And the rapid and accelerating progress, for the last fifty years, in the evangelizing of the world, and in bringing the various branches of the Christian church to work together harmoniously to this end, is another of the unerring signs of the times. And the events alluded to in the opening of this discourse; resulting in the breaking down of the temporal power of the pope, and the reversing of the relative position and influence, among the nations, of Catholic France and Protestant Prussia; together with the breaking away from the toils of Rome, of the leading Catholic nations of Europe, Austria, Spain, and Italy,—all these are clear indications of the approaching long-wished for consummation. And then "the sick man" on the shores of the Bosphorus is evidently in the mortal agony, or very near it; and another hoary despotism

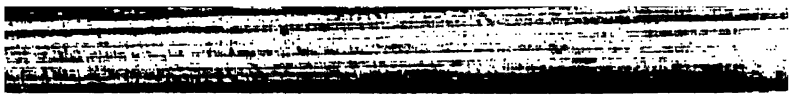
will soon be swept away; and Christianity is reviving in those old classic regions, where St. Paul labored so long and successfully; and the churches of Asia Minor and Greece, and Macedon are arising from their slumber, and are throwing off the dust and corruptions of many centuries. And in the vast regions of Russia, the enlightened emperor is lifting up the millions of his serfs into the condition of freemen, and correcting, as fast as he can, the evils of the Greek church, and giving the word of God free course through his dominions. And it may be said, that the doors of all the world are now open to the Bible and the Christian missionary; and faithful laborers are going forth in all directions, bearing the good seed of the kingdom; and Christian churches and schools, a Christian press, and a native ministry are planted in all the heathen world.

God is answering the prayers of the church in all ages; the brighter day of ancient promise and long-cherished hope is dawning on the world; the sowers in tears will soon be returning with joy, bringing their sheaves with them; and the voices in heaven will say, "The kingdoms of the world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ."

Oh, then, as said in the beginning in regard to the Franco-German war, will all the officers and privates of the missionary host, and all that by prayers and aid in any form will have contributed to their success, rejoice that they had a hand in the glorious work, and were permitted to do something toward the grand result. They will thank the Disposer of events from their deepest souls, that he condescended to receive their services and offerings; and conferred on them the distinguishing honor, of being co-workers with him, in the upbuilding of his kingdom. And no work they have performed, no burden they have borne, no self-denial or sorrow they have endured, for Christ, his cause, and his people, will ever be regretted by them; but rather, that they have not performed, and borne, and suffered more, for a Master so dear, and a cause so glorious. For they will look upon the kingdom of their Lord, its magnificence and glory and blessedness; they will consider that they had some humble part in its erection; and they will esteem nothing too great, or too much, or too dear, that has helped forward the grand enterprise.

Then let us go forth, ye heralds of salvation, and "sow beside all

waters," the precious seed of life. Let us go in joy, if the Master see fit,—in tears, if so it please him. Let us go forth to labor; not to rest, or seek our own good. To labor we are called; our rest and reward are not here. We may not always be permitted to reap where we sow; but the seed will not perish, the harvest will come in due time, and our joy and reward are sure in the end. Then, cheerfully, earnestly, faithfully, and to the end of life, let us labor; and bless God for the privilege. And let us be glad to labor just where, and how, and for what present compensation, the Master is pleased to direct, without murmuring or anxiety. For he knows all about it, and he never errs. He cares for the sparrows; he will care for us. We are captains in the grand army, over fifties and hundreds. Let us be true to our charge, and obedient to our orders. Some of us may be sent to the outposts of the empire, some put on picket-guard, some placed in the fore-front of battle. Our Captain knows all the field, and the best place for each one. Let us leave all that to him, and manfully perform the duty appointed. And let them that "bide by the stuff," send help to those in the field. And victory shall soon sit on our banners, and crowns of glory on our brows. For our work goes bravely on; our Lord's enemies are defeated on every hand; the kingdom we love and labor for is rising grandly among and above the nations; and the day of rejoicing for all the earth, over the unification of the world and the completion of the kingdom of Christ, is drawing nigh. We may, indeed, have passed from our labors before it fully comes, but then we shall see it all the better from our places in heaven, and with higher zest shall join in the general joy; and shall unite with all the nations of earth, and all the hosts above, in praising our Redeemer King, and crowning him Lord of all.



THE SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

AINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

PRESENTED BY THE TRUSTEES AT THE

Annual Meeting in the Winter Street Church, Bath,

June 28, 1871.

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-ONE.

An Act to confirm the doings of the Maine Missionary Society, and to incorporate said Society.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

SECTION 1. Samuel Harris, Stephen Thurston, Joseph S. Wheelwright, Eben Steele, Woodbury Davis, and Joshua Maxwell, with their associates, being members of the Maine Missionary Society, a society heretofore existing and organized for the purpose of aiding Congregational churches in said State in need of assistance in supporting the preaching of the gospel, are hereby created a body politic and corporate by the said name of the Maine Missionary Society, with the usual appropriate corporate rights and privileges, and with full power to acquire, hold, and convey personal and real property, and to use the same in promoting and securing the aforesaid objects and purposes of their incorporation.

SECTION 2. All the doings of said Society while heretofore existing, all gifts, grants, bequests, and donations made to it, and all grants, appropriations, and conveyances made by said Society, are hereby confirmed and made valid.

SECTION 3. Any two of the corporators aforesaid may call the first meeting of said corporation by giving notice thereof in some weekly newspaper published in Portland, in said State, three weeks before the day of said meeting.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect when approved.

[Approved Jan. 27, 1871.]

MEETING

OF THE

CORPORATORS OF M. M. SOCIETY.

As no act of incorporation of The Maine Missionary Society was obtained by the founders of the Society, application for such an act was made to the legislature of Maine, at its last Session, and such an act was passed. It was approved January 27, 1871.

In pursuance of a call published in the Christian Mirror, the Corporators met in the Winter Street Church, Bath, June 28, 1871, at 9 o'clock A. M. The meeting was called to order by the Rev. S. Thurston, and a statement of the case made. The Rev. Samuel Harris was chosen Chairman, and Rev. S. Thurston, Secretary.

VOTED, To accept the charter of the Maine Missionary Society, granted at the last session of the legislature.

VOTED, To adopt for our Constitution the Constitution of the Maine Missionary Society, with articles 6 and 9, as modified, and article 13 added.

THE AMENDED CONSTITUTION, AS ADOPTED JUNE 28, 1871.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be call the MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ART. II. The object of this Society is to extend the knowledge of God our Saviour, and to send the glorious gospel to those who are destitute of the public and stated means of religious instruction.

ART. III. This Society believe, and will endeavor to propagate, those doctrines which are called the doctrines of grace, and were the peculiar doctrines of the Reformation, and which are comprehended in the Westminster Assembly's Shorter Catechism.

ART. IV. This Society shall be auxiliary to the American Home Missionary Society, on the conditions of the seventh and eighth articles of the Constitution, with the name and under the charter of the Maine Missionary Society.

ART. V. The payment of two dollars annually into the treasury of the Society shall constitute a member of the Society, and the payment of not less than twenty dollars shall constitute a member for life.

ART. VI. The officers of this Socityy shall be a President, Vice-president, Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Treasurer, two Auditors, and fifteen Trustees, including the President and Vice-president, who shall be chosen by ballot, five of whom shall constitute a quorum. The officers shall all continue in office until others are chosen.

ART. VII. The President shall preside in the meetings of the Society, and of the Trustees, and call special meetings of the Board whenever requested by three of its members.

The Secretary shall take charge of the books and correspondence of the Society, and exhibit the records of its proceedings at each annual meeting.

The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds and property belonging to the Society, and shall present annually a full and accurate account of all receipts and disbursements. He shall also give sufficient security to the Secretary of the Society for the faithful discharge of his trust, before he enters upon the duties of his office.

The Trustees shall meet semi-annually; at the time and place of the annual meeting of the Society, and at such other time and place as they may direct. They may adjourn or hold special meetings, as they think proper. They shall examine, employ, and direct all missionaries, and determine the place of their location. They shall also manage and dispose of the property of the Society, and have a general superintendence over all its business. At the annual meeting they shall exhibit to the Society a particular statement of all their proceedings, and of the labors and success of their missionaries.

ART. VIII. The Society shall meet annually on the 4th Wednesday in June, at such place as they may appoint. At each annual meeting a sermon will be preached, and a collection taken up. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

ART. IX. The Constitution may be altered or amended, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting.

ART. X. The missionaries employed by this Society shall endeavor faithfully to promote the great interests of religion by all the means in their power, and shall make returns of their transactions to the Trustees.

ART. XI. The funds of this Society shall be raised from the annuities and life-memberships of members, and from the voluntary donations and bequests of the charitably disposed.

ART. XII. This Society will cordially unite with any other Societies for the promotion of Christian knowledge, who may be disposed to coöperate with them in their designs.

ART. XIII. The Secretary with the Treasurer, shall be the duly authorized persons to convey real estate by deed when advised by the Trustees.

Thus far the action of the Corporators in adopting the Charter and Constitution.

ATTEST, S. THURSTON, *Secretary.*

SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING.

HE MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY, having become a corporate legal
titution, met in the Winter Street Church, Bath, June 28, 1871, in
forenoon, the President, Rev. S. Harris, in the Chair.
he divine blessing was sought in prayer by the Rev. D. B. Sewall.
ermon by Rev. Albert Cole, from the text found in Daniel 2:44.
. copy of the Sermon was requested for the press.
he Treasurer's Report was read by the President.
was accepted and adopted, and a vote of thanks was passed for the
able and *gratuitous* services of the Treasurer.
he Report of the Trustees was read by the Secretary.
n the motion for its acceptance, subsequently passed, addresses were
e by the President, and Rev. David Shepley, J. S. Wheelwright,
Rev. Messrs. J. T. Rea, S. P. Fay, J. Cameron, and W. W. Patton,
hicago.
contribution was taken amounting to $48.95.
he following officers were chosen.

PRESIDENT.

JOSEPH S. WHEELWRIGHT, Esq.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

Rev. JOHN O. FISKE.

CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY.

Rev. STEPHEN THURSTON.

TREASURER.

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Rev. PETER B. THAYER,
Rev. JOHN R. HERRICK,
Rev. ALBERT COLE,
Rev. SOLOMON P. FAY,
WOODBURY DANA, Esq.,
SIMON PAGE, Esq.

AUDITORS.

OMAS R. HAYES, Esq., GEORGE F. THURSTON, Esq.

The next annual meeting is to be held in Skowhegan, the 4th Wednesday in June, 1872.

The Rev. JOSEPH SMITH, first preacher; the Rev. JOHN H. GURNEY, second preacher.

Adjourned.

S. THURSTON, *Recording Secretary.*

SIXTY-FOURTH REPORT.

UGH this is the sixty-fourth anniversary of the Maine Missionary it is the first time the Society ever met as a corporate, legal n. When the records of the Society fell into the hands of the Secretary, he expected, of course, there to find a copy of an act oration. Not discovering it, he still supposed it must have ained, but no copy of it preserved. He therefore wrote the of the State of Massachusetts, as, at the time of the organiza- e Society, Maine was a part of Massachusetts, and learned that ct had ever been passed by the legislature of that State. In- s then made of the secretary of the State of Maine. But no had been passed by the legislature of this State.

appeared that the Society, for more than three-score years, had acting business, receiving, holding, and, from time to time, con- al estate without power to give a legal title.

y no practical inconvenience nor pecuniary loss has consequent- ed. But as it was neither a safe nor fitting way to do business, n was made to our legislature last winter, and an act of incor- obtained, legalizing the past, and giving corporate rights for the The Society, therefore, stands to-day not only on a good moral a legal one as well.

ustees, in presenting their sixty-fourth annual report, would eful mention of providential kindness in preserving through ar the lives of more than one hundred missionaries in the the Society a part or all the year. The health of one or two e so impaired that they have been compelled to discontinue . Still we meet in circumstances calling for devout thank- We proceed to give a brief review of the doings of the past

TABULAR VIEW.

THE following table gives a statistical view of the Missionary work of the year closing this day.

For the sake of securing full returns, blank circulars were sent to all the missionaries, with the request that they should be filled and returned by the first of June.

TABULAR VIEW.

Missionaries.	Commissions, Date of.	Length.	Appropriation.	Mos. of Labor.	Average Congregation.	Conversions.	ADDITIONS. Profess'n.	ADDITIONS. Letter.	Total Number.	Prayer-meeting.	Sab. Schools.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Me. Mis. Society.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Other objects.
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S. Thompson..	July 1, 1870	12	150	12	76	1	....	....	54	20	70	20 00	64 00
. Gould.....	July 1, 1870	12	300	3	80	..	....	....	43	40	90	17 00	
. Atkins.....	Nov. 20, 1870	2	64	2									
olas Pearse..	June 1, 1871	1	32	1									
. Richardson.	April 1, 1870	15	125	12	75	..	....	....	56	20	50	13 00	11 00
nd AURORA.													
. Loring.....	July 1, 1870	12	200	12	100	2	....	....	23	20	90	26 00	44 00
H. Ayers.....	July 1, 1870	3	96	3	125	..	....	....	85	30	100	35 00	14 00
	.....	...	....	....	160	1	....	3	42	30	105	12 00	
NSON,	.....	...	....	....	110	..	....	....	73	25	75	7 00	
LON,	.....	...	....	....	50	..	....	....	13	15	45		
DISON,	.....	...	....	....	75	..	....	....	12	15	80		
. Plumer.....	July 1, 1870	12	200	12									
1st,													
. Corey.....	July 1, 1870	2½	80	2½	130	..	....	....	80	....	35	19 00	
	.....	...	....	....	140	—	....	....	52	....	70		
	.....	...	....	....	140	..	....	....	12	....	60		
H. Rand.....	July 1, 1870	3	125	3									
. Smith.....	June 15, 1871	½	16	½									
RD,	.....	...	....	....	75	..	1	....	50	....	50	12 00	
	.....	...	....	....	200	25	9	4	77	50	90	10 00	
S. Tyler.....	July 1, 1870	12	400	12									
. Coan.....	Nov. 25, 1870	7½	151	4½									
. Spaulding..	July 1, 1870	12	300	12	265	..	....	....	54	15	110	11 34	
JACKSON,	.....	...	....	....	100	..	....	....	....	50	75		
. Jones.....	Aug. 1, 1870	2½	80	2½	80	3	....	....	64	20	60	25 05	6 30
M. Wright...	.....	1	32	1									
& SEDGW'K	.....	...	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	40	45		
Dodson.....	July 1, 1870	2	88	2	100	..	2	....	33	80	45	68 75	
. Allen.....	June 16, 1871	½	16	½									
ELD,	.....	...	....	....	100	12	11	1	53	20	137	19 80	23 00
	.....	...	....	....	100	6	9	....	36	20	83	5 00	
. Tingley.....	Aug. 1, 1870	11	183	11									
N,													
M. Wright..	Oct. 20, 1870	8½	210	7½	90	20	10	....	33	50	75		
. Emrick.....	June 1, 1871	1	32	½									
NTER,													
aith.....	July 1, 1870	12	150	12	90	..	....	2	58	....	74	20 00	23 00
	.....	...	....	....	100	..	....	....	24	20	50	40 00	
	.....	...	....	....	40	..	....	....	16	15	....		
. Jordan.....	Aug. 1, 1870	2	80	2½									
LD,													
Tyler.....	July 1, 1870	3	96	2	95	..	1	....	18				
ole.....	July 1, 1870	12	200	12	90	8	....	1	65	60	60	14 25	45 00
. Adams.....	July 1, 1870	2½	88	2½	75	..	....	....	12	15	30	52 00	
. Shiere.....	June 16, 1871	½	16	½									
M,	.....	...	....	....	85	..	No	Ch.	....	25	50	61 00	
BROOK,	.....	...	....	....	50	..	No	Ch.	....	20	....	20 00	
. Walker.....	Aug. 1, 1870	2½	80	2½									
ells.....	July 1, 1870	...	250	12	70	..	....	....	57	15	65	50 00	72 00
	.....	...	....	....	125	1	1	....	26	....	....	6 00	
ILLE,	.....	...	....	....	75	..	....	....	15				
D,	.....	...	....	....	....	..	....	....	12				
. Hill.....	Aug. 1, 1870	10	155	10									
ushnell.....	May 1, 1871	1½	56	1½	75	..	....	....	40	....	40		

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25—E. ORRINGTON,											
Rev. E. P. Eastman....	Aug. 1, 1870	2½	80	2½	75	..	....	....	47	25	50
26—EASTPORT.....											
Rev. T. E. Babb.....	July 1, 1870	12	200	9	115	..	....	....	72	30	70
27—EDGECOMB,											
Rev. J. Loring.....	July 1, 1870	12	150	12	95	..	....	....	74	....	90
28—{FARMINGTON FALLS,	.....	...	...	...	200	..	....	....	12	9	125
28—{MERCER,	.....	...	...	...	200	..	....	....	18	....	....
Rev. C. F. Dole.....	July 1, 1870	2	64	1½							
Rev. J. L. Merrill.....	April 20, 1871	2½	80	2½							
29—FREEDOM,	.....	...	...	...	75	..	....	....	16	10	45
Rev. C. A. Young.....	July 1, 1870	2½	72	2½							
Rev. F. S. Schenck....	June 1, 1871	1	32	1							
30—GARLAND,											
Rev. P. B. Thayer.....	July 1, 1870	12	150	12	120	1	....	....	98	30	100
31—GILEAD,											
Rev. R. A. Pearse.....	June 1, 1871	1	32	1	60	..	....	....	30		
32—GRAY,											
Rev. E. Bean	July 1, 1872	12	125	12	120	3	2	4	78	16	70
33—{GREENBUSH,	.....	...	...	...	30	..	No	Ch.			
33—{OLAMON,	.....	...	...	...	30	..	No	Ch.			
Rev. J. E. Walker.....	.....	6	60	6							
Rev. Frank Bowler....	June 16, 1871	½	16	½							
34—GREENVILLE.											
Rev. J. Cameron,.....	July 1, 1870	12	400	12	105	3	13	....	35	40	40
35—HAMPDEN.											
Rev. S. L. Bowler.	July 1, 1870	12	200	12	150	4	5	...	93	30	100
36—HARRISON.											
Rev. E. F. Borchers....	July 1, 1870	12	100	12	65	..	....	....	56	20	55
37—HIRAM.											
Rev. R. H. Davis.....	Aug. 1, 1870	2	64	2	115	..	....	....	8	25	37
38—INDUSTRY.											
Rev. S. Titcomb.....	July 1, 1870	12	50	12	45	..	....	....	40	15	25
39—ISLE AU HAUT.											
Rev. J. P. Hallowell...	May 6, 1870	6	50	4	60	..	....	1	12		
40—KENDUSKEAG.											
Rev. E. G. Smith.....	July 1, 1870	3	125	3	115	..	....	2	59	20	60
41—KENNEBUNKPORT.											
Rev. W. A. Merrill....	Apr. 1, 1870	3	38	3	85	..	2	....	75	45	40
42—KITTERY.											
Rev. S. S. Drake.....	July 1, 1870	12	200	12	75	3	....	....	26	10	40
43—LIGONIA.											
Rev. T. M. Davies.....	July 1, 1870	12	200	3½	100	14	10	13	50	50	125
44—LIMINGTON.											
Rev. S. W. Pearson....	July 1, 1870	12	125	12	120	3	2	1	92	30	110
45—LINCOLN.											
Rev. J. H. Crosby.....	Aug. 1, 1870	2	72	2	50	..	....	....	24	....	40
46—LITCHFIELD.											
Rev. J. T. Hawes.....	July 1, 1870	12	150	12	90	..	2	....	65	25	70
47—LOVELL.											
Rev. J. P. Sprowls.....	July 1, 1870	3	96	3	120	..	....	....	125	...	75
Rev. T. D. Childs.....	May 20, 1871	1½	48	1½							
48—MEDWAY,											
Rev. J. T. Rea.....	Aug. 1, 1870	2½	80	2½	90	..	No	Ch.	....	....	75
49—MADISON,											
Rev. T. G. Mitchell....	July 1, 1870	12	125	12	75	7	1	....	78	15	70
50—MT. DESERT,											
Rev. B. F. Leavitt.....	July 1, 1870	2½	80	2½	100	..	....	....	112*		
51—MOOSE RIVER,											
Rev. R. B. Richardson.	June 1, 1871	1	32	1							
52—{NEW VINEYARD,	.....	...	...	...	50	..	....	....	26	34	35
52—{N. NEW PORTLAND,	.....	...	...	...	85	..	....	....	18	42	52
52—{W. NEW PORTLAND,	.....	...	...	...	70	..	....	....	28	54	
Rev. D. W. Hardy.....	Aug. 1, 1870	2½	80	2½							
Rev. G. W. Hathaway.	Oct. 28, 1870	6	28	6							
Rev. Geo. C. Lamb....	May 20, 1871	1½	48	1½							
53—NORTH BELFAST,											
Rev. Thos. F. Chambers	July 1, 1870	¾	24	¾							
Rev. D. L. Smart.....	Aug. 1, 1870	2½	80	2½	100	2	....	....	22	30	20
Rev. R. Doig.....	June 1, 1871	1	32	1							

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												$	$
54—N. Deer Isle,													
Rev. H. B. Hart	July 1, 1870	12	200	12	60	1	....	....	43	10	....	17 81	
55—Northfield,													
Rev P. G. Max Baler	July 1, 1870	2½	88	2½	80	2	....	....	10	....	45	55 00	
Rev. Edw. Lodewick	June 1, 1871	1	32	1	....	12							
56—Norway, 1st,					80		....	....	56	....	50	8 50	
Norway, 2d,					200		....	6	66	....	155	8 50	60 00
Rev. T. T. Merry	July 1, 1870	12	200	12									
57—N. Waterford,													
Rev. W. Newell	Nov. 1, 1870	8	100	8	100	..	....	....	81	15	80		
58—N. Vassalboro',													
Rev. J. Dinsmore	July 1, 1870	12	50	12	90	..	2	2	20	12	100	10 50	15 00
59—Oldtown,													
Rev. S. H. Merrill	Sept. 20, 1870	7½	200	7½	75	3	1	1	70	20	75		
Rev. C. S. Newhall	May 26, 1871	1½	40	1½	40								
60—Oxford,													
Rev. G. A. Lockwood	July 1, 1870	12	200	12	82	5	2	7	50	15	98	32 00	125 96
61—Passadumkeag,									7				
Rev. E. G. Smith		3	58	3									
Rev. J. J. Blair		3	56½	3									
62—Patten,							9	3	71	....	50	8 50	
Island Falls,							....	1	22	....	40		
Rev. J. G. Leavitt	July 1, 1870	12	400	12									
63—Perry,													
Rev. A. H. Tibbetts	Aug. 1, 1870	2½	80	2½	160	1	....	....	54	40	75		
64—Portland, 4th ch.,													
Rev. S. Harrison	Aug. 1, 1870	11	183	11	60	2	4	....	23	12	41		
65—Portland, West Chapel,													
Rev. W. F. Ober	Oct. 1, 1870	9	150	9	125	1	....	....	59	20	130		12 00
66—Presque Isle,					60	1	3	4	20	12	80	4 39	20 00
Fort Fairfield,					100		....	....	28				
Caribou,					100		....	....	11				
Rev. F. D. Austin	July 1, 1871	12	400	12									
67—Princeton,													
Rev. J. J. Blair	Aug. 1, 1870	2½	80	2½	90	..	....	....	17	25	83	75 00	13 78
" " "	June 10, 1871	2½	24	2½									
68—Robbinston,					100	..	6	....	96	25	75	23 10	100 00
Red Beach,					100	..	No	Ch.	....	....	100		
Rev. Geo. W. Kelley	July 1, 1870	10½	275	10½									
69—Rockport,													
Rev. J. S. Chandler	June 1, 1871	1	32	1	80	..	....	....	27	31	66	3 16	7 20
70—Rumford,					75	..	....	....	33	....	47		
Dixfield,					60	..	....	....	19	8	52	7 00	
Rev. John Elliot	July 1, 1870	12	200	12									
71—St. Albans,					80	..	....	4	24	30	120*	22 50	5 00
Plymouth,					39	..	....	....	10	8	75	5 30	
Rev. W. S. Sewall	July 1, 1870	12	175	12									
72—Sanford,					50	1	1	....	40	15	25	15 26	15 66
S. Sanford,					50	..	....	....	13	5	25	5 00	
Rev. W. V. Jordan	July 1, 1870	12	300	12									
73—Sherman,					150	12	18	5	79	30	127	12 00	38 00
Rev. W. T. Sleeper	July 1, 1870	12	100	12									
Rev. Vincent Moses	July 1, 1870	2½	88	2½									
74—Standish,													
Rev. S. Hopkins	July 1, 1870	12	150	12	60	2	....	....	47	12	56	17 00	20 60
75—Stowe and Chatham,													
Rev. E. B. Pike	July 1, 1870	12	150	12	70	..	....	....	49	20	85	.....	20 00
76—Strong,													
Rev. J. L. Pratt	July 1, 1870	12	150	12	....	..	....	....	100	....	125		
77—Sumner,													
Rev. A. Loring	Oct. 15, 1870	8½	75	8½	50	1	2	....	80	25	60	20 00	23 00
78—Sweden,													
Rev. J. Sewall	July 1, 1870	2	72	2	....	..	....	....	54	....	50	25 00	
Rev. T. S. Perry	Sept. 1, 1870	10	44	10									
79—Temple,													
Rev. S. Hackett	July 1, 1870	12	125	12	100	..	....	1	65	25	80	10 00	25 00
80—Topsfield,					84	4	3	1	31	17	60	12 25	38 30
Danforth,	See No. 21.												
Jackson Brook,													
Rev. R. D. Osgood	Aug 18, 1870	10½	264	10½									

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81—TREMONT (S. W. Har.),											75	$	$
Rev. J. C. Bodwell, jr.	July 1, 1870	3	104	3	150	..	See	No.	51.	100	90	104 00	
82—TREMONT, Bar Har., &c.,													
Rev. D. L. Smart	June 10, 1871	¾	24	¾	100								
83—UNION,													
Rev. F. V. Norcross	July 1, 1870	12	200	12	175	15	4	....	68	50	130	.....	25 00
84— UPPER STILLWATER,					75				25		80		
84— VEAZIE,									50		100		
Rev. Geo. J. Pierce	June 10, 1871	¾	24	¾	75								
85—UPTON,													
Rev. S. W. Dickinson	Aug. 1, 1870	2½	80	2½	50	..	....	....	14	....	25		
Rev. W. P. Sprague	May 20, 1871	1½	48	1½									
86—WASHINGTON & Vicinity													
Rev. A. H. Tebbets	June 10, 1871	¾	24	¾	50	..	....	....	23				
87—WELD,													
Rev. W. Newell	July 1, 1870	¼	16	¼	100	..	....	....	58				
Rev. A. Barnum	May 20, 1871	1½	48	½									
88—W. BROOKSVILLE,													
Rev. Geo. S. Dodge	July 1, 1870	2½	88	2½	100	10	9	2	91	45	100	72 25	
Rev. H. H. Hutchinson.	Jan. 1, 1871	6	50	6									
89—WEST MINOT,													
Rev. J. K. Deering	July 1, 1870	12	100	5	75	..	....	...	43				
90—WEST NEWFIELD,													
Rev. G. S. Kemp	July 1, 1870	12	150	12	90	1	1	1	53	12	60	21 00	25 00
91—WHITING,													
Rev. Geo. W. Labaw	June 1, 1871	1	32	1	70	..	....	....	20	....	40	7 00	
92— WHITNEYVILLE,					150	8	....	....	41	60	89		
92— MARSHFIELD,					125	..	....	....	....	50	68	42 00	
Rev. R. Dolg	July 1, 1870	2½	88	2½									
Rev. J. W. Schenck	June 1, 1871	1	32	1									
93—WILTON,													
Rev. J. Burnham	July 1, 1870	12	150	12	125	4	3	4	85	30	75	22 00	114 00
94—WINDHAM,													
Rev. L. Wiswall	July 1, 1870	12	100	12	100	1	1	....	49	....	124	25 00	10 00
95—YORK,													
Rev. J. Freeman	July 1, 1870	12	150	12	51	1	....	1	27	12	40	18 00	25 75
96—THE FORKS,													
Rev. Chas. W. Hill	June 9, 1871	¾	24	¾	60								

A BRIEF NOTICE OF SOME OF THE AIDED CHURCHES.

1. ACTON. This is a feeble band of fifty-four members, not abounding in pecuniary ability. But they have done one thing the past year which may well put most of the churches of the State to the blush. After receiving the circular of the committee appointed by the General Conference, on the subject of a memorial offering, their pastor was appointed to take up a subscription. The result was a collection of $57.35,—more than a dollar each for the members of the church. Had all the churches done equally well, more than $20,000 had gone into the treasury. Acton is the banner town. It is refreshing to find that the spirit of the Pilgrims has not wholly died out in Maine.

2. ALBANY. The Rev. S. L. Gould was commissioned for the year, but his health, which had long been imperfect, so far declined, that, after three months, he was obliged to relinquish his loved employment of preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ. The church has since had some missionary labor; a young man laboring there two months in the cold season, and another during the summer, endeavoring to strengthen the things that remain. Still the church, bereaved of a beloved minister, scattered and feeble, needs the charitable regards of her sister churches.

3. ALNA. This church,—once sufficiently strong to sustain the ministry of the word without charitable aid, and formerly blessed with able ministers like Messrs. Ward and Johnson,—has become so reduced by emigration and death as to be unable to obtain preaching half the time without assistance. Anticipated changes in matters of business inspire the hope they may yet grow and become strong.

4. AMHERST AND AURORA. Two conversions,—some hopeful things in the surrounding region. The ladies are efficient helpers; they intend to shingle the meeting-house this summer. An aged deacon, one of the founders of the church, and long a light and blessing in the community has entered into rest.

6. ATHENS, etc. The brother who occupies this field ministers to four churches in four different towns. He thus preaches every month to about four hundred people. In parts of his field, as South Anson and Athens, he has had, in other years, great success. The past year he reports one conversion and three additions to the church in Athens. His duties are laborious and exhausting, requiring much of the inspiration of faith and hope.

9. BLANCHARD AND MONSON. Our missionary preaches alternately in these towns. In Monson, his native place, to which he returned a year ago, he has been greatly prospered. The Spirit has been poured upon the people, and some twenty-five hopeful conversions are reported. The opening of a slate quarry near the village promises growth and enlargement to the town, and has already brought in a good class of citizens. The prospects of this church have not been as bright and hopeful for many years.

11. BRISTOL. In 1855 this church, ninety years after its organization, became two; but both were weak and declining, and our missionary the past year has persuaded them to unite again as one body. He spreads his labors over a large territory, preaching in no less than five places on the Sabbath, besides lecturing on week days. This seems like the labors of the generation now mostly gone to the grave. We may hope that a divine blessing will follow, and Zion again put on strength.

12. BROOKS AND JACKSON. This church had a ten weeks' mission, closing in October; and since then has been generally supplied half the time, and are expecting soon to settle a pastor,—Mr. A. N. Jones of the last class at Bangor. A parsonage has been purchased for his occupancy. An improved state of religious matters is looked for.

13. BROOKSVILLE AND SEDGWICK. This is the third successive summer that missionaries have been sent to this ancient, scattered, and feeble flock. This church has a peculiar history. It was organized in Sedgwick, 1793. In some eleven or twelve years its pastor became a Baptist, and carried the strength of the church with him. The remnant were scattered over a large territory without a common center, and they gradually faded away. Some years later there were sundry conversions in the western part of the town, which had become incorporated as a part of Brooksville, and several additions were made to the church, and the hope of continued life was revived. They were afterwards favored with the ministry of the Rev. Mr. Ellis for a series of years. Since his death they have had but a very partial supply of the means of grace

and they are still feeble. The Baptist church once existing in that part of the town, and at one time having two hundred members, is now extinct; and the place is not only a needy, but an interesting and hopeful field of missionary enterprise. The missionaries who have been there the two last years have been blessed in their labors. Should some suitable man be induced to settle among them, there is reason to hope they may yet become strong, and even self-sustaining.

14. Brownfield and Denmark. Mr. Tingley commenced stated labors with these churches last August, and reports twelve hopeful conversions in Brownfield, and six in Denmark; and twenty additions to the two churches. The first person Mr. T. baptized after his ordination was an old man of 83 years. A ministry so prosperous in its beginning, it may be hoped will long continue.

15. Burlington. Rev. J. E. M. Wright, the former pastor of this church, has labored nearly eight months with them the past year. God has been with him, and the word preached has been the means of winning some twenty souls. Ten have made a public profession of their faith, and joined the church. The revival began in the autumn, outside of the church, and has gone forward without the use of extra means. The brother's health was so feeble that he preached but one sermon on the Sabbath,—this, with the Sunday School, and prayer-meeting Sabbath and Wednesday evenings, an inquiry meeting, and pastoral visitation, constituted the means used. It seemed like the good old times when revivals could be extended through many months without the hot-bed pressure of recent times. Mr. Wright left the place while the work was in progress, some ten or twelve still inquiring what they must do. A successor was obtained to follow him at once.

16. Buxton Center. "The people have shown a commendable enterprise in fitting up their church and parsonage at an expense of over three hundred dollars, some hundred and fifty of which was raised by the ladies." The missionary writes: "One young man of our church, a fine scholar, is fitting for college with a view to entering the ministry, and another pious lad, of unusual scholarship, I think will take the same course."

19. Cornish. Eight conversions. The missionary writes: "A decided gradual improvement in most all respects. We thank God and take courage."

21. Cooper. A very feeble church and society made, last autumn, a noble effort to repair and repaint their house of worship, and with

some outside help raised and expended between three and four hundred dollars. Still the church is few in numbers, the members generally advanced in life; and unless God in rich mercy pour upon the people the Holy Spirit, and give it enlargement and strength, it cannot long continue.

22. DEDHAM. This interesting church, which has shown great enterprise in supporting religious ordinances, and has given liberally for the promulgation of the gospel in the world, is becoming painfully reduced by removals and deaths. But if it be true in this age that those who devise liberal things, by liberal things shall stand, there is certainly hope of their perpetuity.

23. DEXTER has been supplied, the past year, half of the time by a member of the last senior class at Bangor. The F. W. Baptist brethren meet with them, and have supplied the pulpit the other half. This year both churches unite in supporting a F. W. Baptist preacher all the time. This spirit of mutual Christian confidence and courtesy enables them, as yet, to move on harmoniously and pleasantly.

26. EASTPORT. No special change here, except in the ministry. The Rev. Mr. Babb has, much to the regret of his people, left his charge and gone to Massachusetts, whose churches seem to have a high regard for the ministry of Maine. Mr. Babb is succeeded at Eastport by Mr. Webster K. Pierce.

27. EDGECOMB. Our missionary here must have taught both by precept and example the duty of cultivating the grace of giving, for, while they are not sufficiently strong to sustain the constant preaching of the gospel without missionary aid, they have contributed almost $200 the past year to give the gospel to others,—a much larger sum than is often given by much stronger establishments. Although no conversions nor accessions to the church are reported, it is evident the gospel is operating like leaven. When it reaches a man's pocket, there is little doubt that his heart has also felt its power.

29. FREEDOM. Still a hard soil. A young man from Union Seminary, on a mission there last summer, did very little to recommend evangelical religion, and has since renounced his belief in it and embraced what is termed Liberal Christianity. Another missionary, now on the ground, will leave a different impression,—one, we trust, of spiritual profit.

30. GARLAND shows the benefit of a permanent ministry, their pastor having labored with them almost a quarter century. The church is in

lthy, prosperous state, although no success has been granted the past r. But for emigration it would have been self-sustaining before this.

3. GREENBUSH AND OLAMON, though within a short ride from Bangor, e long been a moral waste. A member of the senior class at Bangor, ose life is consecrated to the missionary work, moved with compassion, ned the purpose of preaching the gospel to them, and supplied them, tly in person, with twenty-seven Sabbath's service. So much inter- was awakened among the people, that a missionary has been sent n for the summer.

4. GREENVILLE. The brother at this outpost reports a prosperous r; several hopeful conversions, and thirteen additions to the church profession, and a Sabbath congregation of more than one hundred. hough the population of this town is not large, it is a place of much ortance. Situated at the foot of the principal lake in the State, and p into the lumbering region, it is a place of much resort and con- able business, with the prospect of large increase. The gospel is ope- g as leaven. The Sabbath is becoming more respected, vice is less and rampant, and there is a growing respect for the gospel and its ances. It is vastly important that this post be well manned. It is to be regretted that the Rev. Mr. Cameron, whose short ministry has been so successful, feels that on account of the severity of the te, he must leave in the autumn.*

HIRAM. An excellent lady of this little church petitioned for a nary. Mr. R. H. Davis of the last senior class performed a mission ht weeks and was permitted to occupy the house owned by the dist and F. W. Baptist brethren. His labors were highly appre- , and a desire awakened for more such preaching. The existence aluable water-power at that place, now accessible by railroad, ns the expectation of future growth and importance. In this ion of things the Congregationalists are disposed to make an effort and grow. A Congregational Sabbath school was organized the f May, consisting of nineteen, and has doubled itself. A subscrip- s started for a house of worship, with encouraging prospects of . A missionary is to commence labor there next Sabbath. With vine blessing we may hope for a rising tide of religious prosperity am.

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* this was written he has told his people, "unless his health suffers from another climactic will not leave them before another suitable pastor shall be found for them."

53. LIGONIA. This name has been given to a small village just out of Portland, built up in connection with the Rolling Mill. A large part of the operatives of the mill are Welsh. The proprietors have furnished them with a beautiful and convenient hall as a place of worship. The whole Welsh population numbers but one hundred and forty-two; yet out of this little community, they report a church of fifty members, a Sabbath congregation of one hundred, fourteen hopeful conversions, ten added to the church by profession, thirteen by letter, $60 paid to M. M. Society, $40 to other objects, a Sabbath school of one hundred and twenty-five. It is believed there is nothing in the State comparable with it. A young preacher of their own people was commissioned to labor with them for the year, but after three months, feeling his need of a more thorough preparation for the work of the ministry, he entered our theological seminary, and is in a prosperous course of study.

42. LINCOLN. Still an unfruitful field. Rev. J. H. Crosby, of Bangor, had a mission of two months, commencing Aug. 1st. He generously refunded to the M. M. Society the money paid him for his services. Since then he has supplied that church and people with constant preaching, principally at his own charges. The need of special divine influence, to make this a fruitful field, is manifest.

46. LITCHFIELD. This church shows a most commendable estimate of gospel ordinances in the heavy tax they impose upon themselves for their support. Few churches are more worthy of assistance. They highly appreciate the ministration of men of mature minds and large experience.

47. LOVELL. Here is a church of more than a hundred members, and yet for several years they have been without pastoral care. Last year they had a mission of three months, and now another young man is on a four months' mission. But they need exceedingly a settled pastor. But where is the man? and echo answers, where?

58. MEDWAY. There is no church in this settlement on the western branch of the Penobscot. But Mr. Rea has labored there much *during* his course of *study*, and awakened a deep interest and a strong desire to enjoy stated preaching. Mr. R. is under an accepted call to settle in Connecticut, but he will spend a large portion of the season in Medway, hoping to see a house of worship arise among them before he leaves. It is a place which will long need the fostering care of the missionary society.

49. MADISON. The pastor of this church, often afflicted and almost

discouraged by the frequent removals of his people, has had some special encouragement in the conversion of several of his congregation, and among them two of his own children.

50. Mt. Desert. Mr. Leavitt, of Andover Seminary, performed a mission here of two and a half months in the commencement of the missionary year, since which the people have been supplied at their own charges. The church members reside largely in Tremont. It may be hoped the time is not distant when Mt. Desert will have a church by itself, separate from Tremont, and a settled pastor. By the blessing of God, a vigorous, self-sustaining establishment may be seen here to arise.

51. Moose River is a settlement on a small river of the same name, which is emptied into Moose Head Lake. The settlement, made some half century since, is within a few miles of the Canada line. They have been almost as effectually excluded from gospel privileges as if in the heart of Africa. The Rev. Geo. W. Barber visited them in 1870, and spent a few Sabbaths, and excited so much interest in the gospel preached to them, that early the last spring a subscription paper was circulated to raise money, "for the support of evangelical preaching during the warm season." A copy of this paper was sent to your Secretary with no less than thirty-six names upon it, and subscriptions varying from one dollar to twenty-five, amounting to $175, with an assurance that it should be made up to $200. A missionary from Yale Seminary has been appointed to a mission of sixteen weeks, and is now in the field. May not the fact that this people were moved to raise the means for a summer's mission, and request that a minister be sent them, inspire the hope that prophetic vision may there be realized? The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose.

55. Northfield. A highly appreciated mission of nearly four months was performed last summer and autumn by Mr. P. G. Max-Bahler, from the seminary in New Brunswick, N. J. When he left the place in September there were four, and probably five ready to join the church, one of them a new convert. His time, however, was too short to bring about the desired increase in the number of church members. "The interest," he says, "was very great; more deep than exciting or noisy. It became more apparent the few last days I was among them. My aim all through the summer has been, not to produce excited feeling, but to instruct them in the word of God, trusting to the power of the word and the influence of the Holy Spirit to regenerate the soul." Evidently the missionary

left the place when things were ripe for a revival; and he adds, "I have faith to believe that God's word will not return unto him void." But, as in other cases, so here, "one soweth and another reapeth." Our Methodist brethren have "entered" in and raked a precious harvest. Another young man is on a mission there this summer, and some accessions to the Congregational church are expected.

56. NORWAY. Mr. Merry has had charge of both the churches in this town for several years, but the first church have done so little for his support that he gives most of his services to the village church. He represents this church as in a prosperous condition; congregation and Sunday school large; house of worship newly painted and carpeted, at an expense of some $400; Sunday school library enlarged; several conversions, and six added to the church by letter.

57. N. WATERFORD. The Rev. J. W. H. Baker left this church a short time before our last annual meeting, to minister to the church in Topsham. The Rev. W. Newell commenced stated labor here in November last. He seems to have entered upon his work with a comprehensive plan of usefulness, and, it may be hoped, will gather large results.

59. OLDTOWN. Still a hard field. The Rev. S. H. Merrill, its former pastor, preached here between seven and eight months. He reports three hopeful conversions, one added to the church by profession, one by letter. Congregation still small; church dependent on missionary aid. Since Mr. Merrill left, Mr. C. S. Newhall, of Union Seminary, has undertaken a short mission there. This church needs large measures of what Paul so thoughtfully remembered and gratefully mentioned in the church of Thessalonica as their striking characteristic,—their "work of faith, and labor of love, and patience of hope in the Lord Jesus Christ."

60. OXFORD. This little church, which has long struggled between hope and fear as to its future, has had a year of hopeful prosperity. God has smiled upon the labors of our missionary, who reports five hopeful conversions, nine additions to the church, the church and society well officered, Sunday school flourishing. Still they have had a cup of sorrow to drink; a young physician, who, with his young wife, had recently united with the church, while out sailing upon the large pond, was capsized, and with two other young men, drowned. "Thy judgments are a great deep."

61. PASSADUMKEAG. An unusual interest is awakened in this town, and some others on the Penobscot river, in obtaining a preached gospel. The students of the seminary have labored much among them

during the past five months; and two are commissioned to spend their vacation at Passadumkeag, Greenbush, and Olamon.

62. PATTEN and ISLAND FALLS. The church in Patten seems to have had a prosperous year. Twelve have been added to their number, —eight of them mothers, and one father; two young men of promise. Two brothers are pursuing an education, one, perhaps both, looking toward the ministry. Our missionary has much cause of gratitude, and ground of hope for the future.

63. PERRY had a short mission last summer, but has now declared independence. They have obtained the services of the Rev. Charles L. Guild, and do not ask aid in his support. This church has passed through seasons of great trial and depression. For several years past it has been favored with the labors of faithful missionaries a part of each year, and is so much strengthened by the blessing of God on their labors, that they are now able to sustain the means of grace. We may hope that they will wax stronger and stronger, and prove a light and a blessing in that region.

64. PORTLAND, *Fourth Church*, has obtained, for a stated supply, a worthy brother, whose labors, it may be hoped, will raise it from its depressed condition.

65. PORTLAND, *West Chapel*. A pastor has been obtained, and installed over this church; so that all the Congregational churches in this city are now supplied with pastors.

66. PRESQUE ISLE. Mr. Austin has discontinued his labors with this church, and for the present is concentrating them upon the other places in his large field,—Fort Fairfield and Caribou. He has labored in the Upper Aroostook now, four years. When he entered upon his mission, the church at Presque Isle, formed two years previous, had but nine members, now twenty; Fort Fairfield, twelve, now twenty-eight. At Caribou there was no Congregational church, now one of eleven members. The number of Congregational members, when he entered upon his mission, was twenty-one, now fifty-nine. Surely God has smiled upon the labors of our missionary. May he long continue to bless those northern regions.

67. PRINCETON. Mr. Blair, of the seminary, performed a very acceptable mission here last summer, and is again in the field for the present season. It is a needy and hopeful field, and if they could have a permanent pastor, there is ground to hope for enlargement and strength. But, until the expense of supporting religious ordinances is diminished, and

ministers shall be able and willing to return to the inexpensive mc living practiced by the fathers of half a century ago, the prospec permanent ministry for such feeble churches seems distant.

68. ROBBINSTON. Our missionary at this place, and Red Be: neighborhood some three miles away, has an interesting and h field. There is no church at Red Beach, but a congregation hundred, and Sunday school as large. Six have been added t church in Robbinston.

69. The little church in ROCKPORT have some time past unit worship with their Baptist brethren in the support of one meetin one minister, each church having its turn in selecting the preacher. success of the plan has not been equal to their hopes, and they hav a missionary of their own, and worship in their own chapel. It m hoped that the future may be more propitious and prosperous tha past.

70. RUMFORD and DIXFIELD remain feeble bands. The missi draws a sad picture of Dixfield, especially. Deaths and removals taken away efficient supporters of Christian ordinances, and vital bers of the church. He thinks he must decline serving them her There is more strength at Rumford, and more vitality, and more g to hope for the perpetuity and growth of the church.

72. At an expense of $300 dollars to this society, the churcl SANFORD and SOUTH SANFORD have been favored the past year the labors of a man of experience and ability. The trustees we duced to make this large outlay by the hope that these churches be brought to unite their forces for the permanent support of some man who should divide his time and labors between them; bu hope seems not likely to be realized at present. Their congreg have been very small. Yet our missionary thinks there may be hc the church at Sanford, as the interest is slowly increasing, and mean to have another minister as soon as they can find one." C South church he speaks discouragingly. "There are three or f perhaps I should say six or eight,—who are willing to do what the but, of the rest, "O, my soul, come not thou into their secrets." church, as a church, like Ephesus, has left its first love; and, like church, refusing to do their first works, must die." It is cause of l iation and alarm, when the minister of Christ is compelled to bear a witness.

73. SHERMAN has a live minister and a live church. Thei

house of worship was dedicated just after our last annual meeting. Twelve conversions are reported, twenty-three additions to the church, eighteen of them by profession, congregation one hundred and fifty, and Sunday Schools one hundred and twenty-seven; membership seventy-nine. The rise and progress of this church in a town so new, with a population sparse, has few if any parallels in the State. It was but ten years old last May. It now has a beautiful house of worship, a commodious parsonage, a church and congregation, and Sunday School of no mean size, giving indubitable signs of life and vital force, and a pastor to watch over them. Who will now say, in view of what this Society has done to foster this enterprise, and a sum raised by a special effort at our last annual meeting to extinguish their church debt, "to what purpose is this waste?" Why may not other churches thus arise in our new towns? Might not the same religious enterprise and self-denying, hard work, put forth by other ministers, be crowned with similar success.

75. STOW and CHATHAM. This church and society has succeeded in erecting a house of worship, which was dedicated in May. It has cost them a great effort, and they are still burdened with a debt of $500, and will be obliged to ask aid of sister churches. It is hoped they will not ask in vain. The trustees would commend their case as worthy of the charitable consideration of all who love Zion.

80. TOPSFIELD and VICINITY is a large field for one man to cultivate. A young man from the Seminary was therefore sent to aid Mr. Osgood for two and a half months last summer. There is no church in this field save at Topsfield. Four conversions are here reported, and four additions to the church. Mr. Osgood will remain in the station another year at least. He is an earnest worker, and has not labored in vain.

81. The Island of Mt. Desert contains three towns, Eden, Mt. Desert, and Tremont. The Congregational church is found scattered over the two latter towns. Mt. Desert is probably able to support the ordinances of religion, and should have a separate church. Tremont even now affords ample room for two religious establishments. The neighborhood, called South-west Harbor and Sandy Point, had an energetic and able missionary the three first months of the missionary year. Another young man has just entered upon a mission of about three months. Something more permanent is needed. This part of the town has become a fashionable watering-place, and needs an able and permanent ministry.

On the west and south west part of the town there is room for another laborer. Three neighborhoods, some miles apart, a few months since

formed a religious association for the support of preaching, and raised b subscription between seven and eight hundred dollars. They applied t the Secretary of this Society to send them a minister for a full year. I vain has he labored to comply with their request. The Rev. Charles I Nichols was requested to visit them early in the spring. He spen several weeks there, and found a people eager to hear the gospel, bu though earnestly desired to remain, he declined on the ground of th health of his family. The best thing that could be done for them wa to send them a young man for the summer. He writes, "I have neve been in any place where the people had so great a hungering and thirst ing for salvation, and I sincerely hope some have been led to Christ.' Surely such a people ought to have some man of God to break unto them the bread of life. Who will go?

83. The Church in UNION has probably never been in so prosperous condition as now.

A most commendable effort has been made to repair their house o worship. It is now a beautiful, inviting place, in which to assemble fo purposes of devotion. In connection with the rededication of the house the Spirit was poured upon the people, and fifteen hopeful conversion are reported, and four additions to the church. Their minister, having intended to leave them, is so hedged in by the providence and grace o God, that he consents to remain.

86. WASHINGTON and VICINITY has a few months' mission for th first time for several years.

88. WEST BROOKSVILLE had a young missionary a few months la summer, whose labors were the means of several conversions. Eleve have been added to the church. The Rev. H. H. Hutchinson, has bee engaged as stated supply. He commenced his labors there Jan. 1, 187 A parsonage has been purchased, which he occupies, and the church h come near to self-support, and we trust the time is not distant wh they will ask no more aid of the Maine Missionary Society.

92. WHITNEYVILLE and MARSHFIELD had one missionary betwe them last summer. This season they have each a missionary. There much religious influence in both places. What the permanent resu will be, the future will show. The house of worship in Whitneyvil has not yet received its inside finish.

93. WILTON. The missionary here reports four conversions, a seven additions to the church; three by profession, and four by lett Among the latter were a young Methodist clergyman and wife. H

says, "I feel I am in the path of duty. The change of church-relationship has been entered upon by me, for the reason that I feel I can more faithfully preach the grace of God in the Congregational church." He intends entering the Bangor Seminary in the autumn, and go through a course of theological study. In the mean time he has a mission at Burlington, and is laboring amidst scenes of deep religious interest.

96. THE FORKS. This is a settlement on the Kennebec river, some eighty or ninety miles above Augusta; twenty or twenty-five miles above Bingham, which hitherto has been our most northern mission station on that river. A good lady in Skowhegan said to her pastor, she had laid by $100 for the support of a missionary to some entirely destitute field in that county. He says, "she does not want to revive a dead church, but to send a man to a new region. She has suggested The Forks." A young man was found ready to undertake the mission, and he has entered upon his work. He writes that he is kindly received by all, but that there is not a professed Christian in the place, and but few men who entertain evangelical views. He found a Sabbath school started by a lady teacher from Skowhegan,—the young men have now come into it, and chosen him for their teacher. He extends his labors to Caratunk, a town below The Forks, and has there established a Sabbath school, and is hoping for some fruit.

This station, and that at Moose River, are new, never before having had missionaries sent them by this Society. A visit was made to one of them last year, but nothing more. When all such wastes shall be reclaimed, and become fruitful in righteousness, Maine will present a scene of moral beauty, unprecedented in the past. The Lord hasten it in his time.

SUMMARY.

From the statistical table it appears that one hundred and fourteen missionaries have been in the service of the Society the past year,—twenty-five more than the previous year. This is a larger number than for any of the previous ten years, and undoubtedly for any other year in the history of the Society. But a large part of the missions have been brief, so that the amount of missionary service has not been proportionally larger. Only thirty-eight missionaries have labored through the whole year. Thirteen missions have ranged between six and eleven months, thirteen between three and six months, and forty-nine less than three months. This large proportion of very short missions is explained by the fact that most of them, which really extend from three to four months, are in progress at the close of our missionary year, so that a part of each one goes into the report of one year, and a part into that of the succeeding year, thus making a mission of three or four months appear like two of half the length. The amount of missionary service rendered is sixty years and ten months. These missions have been extended into one hundred and twenty-two towns and plantations.

In several places the Holy Spirit has accompanied the word spoken by our missionaries, and precious souls have been born of God. The number of hopeful conversions reported is two hundred and seven; additions to the churches, two hundred and twenty-five,—one hundred and fifty by profession, seventy-five by letter. The membership in these mission churches is four thousand nine hundred and nine. There are found at the weekly prayer-meetings, as reported, two thousand one hundred and twenty-six. The Sunday schools contain seven thousand and ninety-four. The contributions amount to three thousand four hundred and three dollars,—of which for Maine Missionary Society, $1917.75. The average number attending public worship is ten thousand seven hundred and forty-eight.

Four and a half more years of labor have been performed than in the previous year; sixteen more churches ministered unto; almost two

ousand more in the Sabbath congregations. It thus appears that the ociety has enlarged very considerably its operations as compared with revious years. But the spiritual results, so far as yet appears, have not een proportionally enlarged. The number of conversions is very nearly ie same; additions to the churches less. One church has become inde- endent,—that at Perry. Two new houses of worship have been edicated,—one at Sherman, and one by the church in Stow and Chat- am. Several societies have made commendable effort to repair their ouses of worship,—as at Union, Buxton Centre, Casco, and Cooper. epairs are being made upon the ancient house in Bristol, known as the Walpole house; its antique style to be mainly preserved. The house in Whitneyville, commenced some two years since, was utterly demolished by the autumnal gale of 1869. It was rebuilt with heroic fortitude in 1870, and its outside tastefully finished; but the little church has not yet been able to finish the inside, and it is still unoccupied. The hand of charity would be most fitly extended to aid them. Two new houses of worship are projected,—one at Hiram, and one at Medway.

FINANCES.

The trustees have made appropriations to the amount of $13,780, eing $2,114 above the appropriations of the previous year. To redeem ese pledges, and other claims on the treasury, orders have already been awn for $14,370.57; nor does this cover the entire expenses of the ociety for the past year. The treasurer reports the receipts of the ar to be $22,234.97. But $2700 of this sum consisted of loans issued the treasurer, and called in as he needed them, so that the actual come of the Society is $19,534.97.

Like a skillful financier, our treasurer, when he has money on hand immediately needed, loans it and makes it a productive fund. The ome on such loans the past year is $465.29. The ordinary receipts m the churches, and the friends of the cause, have exceeded the rage of the six previous years by a small sum. Yet they do not ount to fifty cents a member in our churches. Then many who are members give to this object. Would it be a burden grievous to be ne if the churches should tax themselves a dollar a member to evan- ize the State. If dame fashion demanded such an additional outlay matters of taste and attire, would it not be forth-coming? And shall the children of light, those redeemed by precious blood, spend as y for the cause of their risen Lord as for their own adorning?

HOME MISSIONS

Should rise to a higher estimation in the esteem and love of the church. While we would not depreciate the importance of foreign missions; while we rejoice in their extension and prosperity, it is still apprehended that in the comparison home missions are not duly appreciated. For Maine and our country they should hold the first rank. As it is every man's first duty to provide for his own household, every church's duty first to provide Christian ordinances for their own community, so is it the first duty of the American Church thoroughly to evangelize this country. But if you look at what is done for home and foreigh missions, it is evident that such is not the prevailing sentiment. The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and the American Home Missionary Society are now mainly under the patronage of the Congregational churches of this country. The annual receipts of the American Board are much larger than those of the Home Missionary Society. It supports more laborers in the foreign field than the latter society employs in the home field. According to the statement of the secretary of the General Conference, the churches of Maine, notwithstanding the State is eminently missionary ground, gave last year two thousand dollars more for foreign than for home missions.

There is still a sort of romance about foreign missions, rendering them, to some minds, more attractive than home missions. They are also thought to demand and to promote a more heroic piety. The impression is prevalent that the foreign missionary is the more devoted and self-sacrificing man. He is more honored and better supported. What sons of Maine, in the home field, have ever been honored like Hamlin, Wheeler, and Snow, of the foreign field? These brethren may have a year's vacation, and their salaries in the mean time be continued. As they return to their native land they are invited into the best pulpits, and best families, and treated with noble Christian hospitality. In the public meetings of the church they are brought forward to tell the story of their labors, their trials, conflicts, and success. They have no solicitude about their support. Their children are educated at the expense of others. They have a wide-world reputation; whereas, if their talents and piety had been expended on some home field in Northern Maine, or Southern Missouri, they would have been scarcely known beyond the limits of the State in which they labored. In all probability they might have grappled with stern poverty, and been made glad and thankful for boxes of cloth-

ng furnished by the hand of charity. They must educate their own children, or let them grow up in ignorance. Should they revisit the scenes and friends of early life, no metropolitan pulpits would solicit their services, if even accessible to them, no pressing claims for their society and their speeches would perplex and embarrass them. No public prints would herald their coming, or chronicle their journeyings or doings. The pulpit of their native place might be open to them, and a few early friends greet them with joy and gladness, but no public sensation be produced. Does not the home field therefore require, in those who are to occupy it, quite as much self-denial as the foreign? in some respects *more* even? Is there not as much piety among them? Are they not as worthy of Christian consideration? And may not the cause of home missions justly claim a higher estimation, and demand a more comprehensive and vigorous patronage?

The extent of the home field is appalling. We have four millions of freedmen to educate, and evangelize. Millions of Catholics already imperil our free institutions, and in order to our safety must be recovered from vassalage to the man of sin, and the worship of Mary to their allegiance to Christ and the worship of the living God. China is pouring its surplus population upon our shores by thousands upon thousands, who are already erecting their pagan temples, and paying homage to idol gods. Let this process of immigration of the devotees of paganism and popery be continued, and unless a most vigorous system of home missions is prosecuted on a large scale, how long before Romanism and paganism combined, will predominate in the land?

"It is related that during the Rebellion a party of our soldiers attacked a party of the rebels. Each turned the other's right flank and occupied the camp of the other. Which gained the advantage? The rebels got a camp well furnished with provisions and clothing, and supplies of every kind; our men got some poor bacon and corn meal, and some worthless blankets." So should we, by our foreign operations, gain some foreign country and lose our own, it would be very much like capturing the rebel camp. It will not be wise to fold our arms, and allege that there is no danger of such a direful catastrophe. "When a thoughtful paper like the *Nation* can speak of the Roman Church as the Established Church of New York, it is time for us to awake." When the great emporium of our country is under the control of the pope and his minions, he may well be consoled for the loss of the small States of the church in

Italy. Pope Pius probably has not to-day half the influence in Rome that he has in New York.

Let foreign missions be prosecuted with ten-fold more vigor than at present, but not to the neglect of home missions. This work of evangelizing the United States, and bringing the population under the restraining and sanctifying power of the gospel is, after all, the first and great work of the American Church. It is the process by which she will most highly bless a ruined world.

In this work Maine must bear her part. No small share of the work of giving the gospel to the destitute in this State devolves upon the Congregational churches through the medium of the Maine Missionary Society. It is no time for them to draw back. While the Trustees have enlarged their operations the past year, the churches have not intrusted them with the needful amount of means. This fact should be proclaimed upon the house-tops, that none may be unreminded of their duty. But for other resources the trustees would have been cramped in their operations.

STUDENTS EMPLOYED.

Some thirty young men, in the course of preparation for the ministry, are spending their summer vacation in missionary labors in the State. In Washington Conference 6, Hancock 3, Penobscot 4, Aroostook 2, Waldo 3, Lincoln 1, Somerset 4, Franklin 2, Cumberland 2, Oxford and Union 5. These short missions, although inadequate fully to meet the wants of the feeble churches, are a great blessing to them. They cheer the heart and encourage the hope of God's people, and not unfrequently are they the means of increasing their number, thus strengthening the churches. A very unusual number of young men have been ready to employ their vacations in preaching the gospel to the destitute. Applications for such employments have come from no less than seven theological seminaries, many more than we had room for.

PERMANENT SUPPLY.

How this is to be secured for feeble churches, is no easy problem. The only way that now seems feasible, is for two or more to unite in the support of the same man who shall divide his time among them. This plan is adopted to a considerable extent already. Twenty-two of our missionaries have each manned two posts. Three preach in three places

each, and two in four. This system should be greatly extended. Young men, going into the field for short missions, are ready to preach in two or three places; but there is a reluctance on the part of most to settle down permanently on this basis. The tax upon self-denial is heavier than they are willing to pay. How the man who shrinks from this would have endured the trials of the pilgrim fathers, had they lived in their day, is highly problematical. We need more of their heroic faith. A Methodist bishop, when giving out his appointments for the year, is reported to have said, "a Methodist preacher should be thankful for the privilege of preaching the gospel anywhere in this wide world." Noble sentiment! We need more men who will cheerfully labor in obscure places, and live on small means, and be little known abroad, and there win souls, and wait for their reward till their Lord shall call them to go up higher. They who win souls to Christ, in such places, will shine as brightly in heaven as those who win souls from the seats of learning, or marts of wealth, or courts of princes.

When the churches in despondency cry, who will come to us? and God in his providence asks "whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" where are the respondents, who with glad hearts reply, "Here are we, *send us?*" WHERE ARE THEY?

In behalf of the Trustees,

S. THURSTON, *Secretary.*

GENERAL CONFERENCE.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE, p. 53,—Rev. Gilman Bacheller, acting Pastor, in Machiasport.

YORK CONFERENCE, p. 57.—Dea. John E. Moody, of Lebanon Center, Clerk of the Church in Lebanon.

Page 59,—second line,—*three* ordained more than half a century.

CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF OREGON, p. 20.—Next meeting in Portland, 3rd Thursday of June (20), 1872.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF CONFERENCE may be found on pages 67, 68, of the Minutes for 1870.

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TREASURER

Dr. JOSHUA MAXWELL, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT W

1871.

June 24.—To balance in the Treasury as settled June, 1870.....$2,

RECEIVED FROM INCOME PERMANENT FUND AS FOLLOWS:

To received from dividend Casco National Bank.....	$200.00	
" " " " Canal " "	260.00	
" " " " Manuf. " "	77.00	
" " " " State " " Boston.....	47.50	
" " " " Lewiston Falls Manufacturing Co.....	110.00	
" " " " Portland, Saco, and Portsmouth Railroad...	19.30	
" " " " U. S. Stock, $133.35; Portland City, $59.25..	192.60	
" " " " Bath City, $59.25; W.B. Sewall Fund, $323.74	382.99	
		1,

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.

To received from Rev. J. W. H. Baker, refunded.....$	12.50	
" " on Loan, $500; interest, $30.63.....	530.63	
" " on Loan, $200; interest, $1.50, do. $1.50.....	203.00	
" " on Loan, $1,000; interest, $190.26, do. $210.....	1.400.26	
" " on Loan, $1,000; interest, $131.40.....	1,131.40	
" " from Rev. S. Thurston, preaching*.....	132.00	
		3,

LEGACIES.

Received from the estate late Mrs. Hannah Gooch, Wells.....$	1,000.00	
" " " " " Mrs. Harriet Goodenow, Norway.....	100.00	
" " " " " Hannah S. Allen, Bath.....	142.90	
" " " " " Mrs. Hannah Gooch, Wells.....	1,500.00	
" " " " " " " " "	500.00	
" " " " " Mrs. L. W. Maxwell, Wells (annual)....	6.00	
		3,

BEQUESTS.

Received from the estate late George F. Patten, Bath.....$	1,000.00	
" " " " " Elizabeth King, Saco.....	500.00	
		1,

Miss King requested the above to be added to the Permanent Fund.

Received from churches, collections, donations, annuities, life-memberships, etc.....	9,496.51	
Received from Dea. Henry Darling, Bucksport, $500.....	500.00	
		9,
		$22,

* This sum should have been $188.00.

EPORT.

MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY. *Cr.*

M.—By paid Missionaries on Trustees' orders			$18,416.31
" " Rev. S. Thurston's salary, $1,800	$1,800.00		
" " Rev. S. Thurston, traveling expenses, &c., $83.71	83.71		
" " B. Thurston & Co. bills, $155.08	155.08		
" " C. A. Lord, bills, $52.94	52.94		
		1,591.73	
" " Sewall Fund to Mrs. N. Bourne, $227.30	227.30		
" " W. B. Sewall Fund to Judge E. E. Bourne, Executor, $300.90	300.90		
" " Sundry Loans, $3,100	3,100.00		
" " Bank Tax, Boston, $10.19	10.19		
		3,638.89	
" " Permanent Fund, Miss King's bequest, $500.00	500.00		
" " 2 shares Lewiston Falls Manufacturing Co., $201	201.00		
" " Bath City Bond to Permanent Fund, $437.67	437.67		
		1,138.67	
" " Judge Davis' bill, $20.00	20.00		
" Treasurer's account as per bill rendered, $36.39	36.39		
		56.39	
" Balance in the Treasury, as settled this day		$2,398.48	
			$22,284.97

$22,284.97

re examined the foregoing account, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched, ing the balance in the hands of the Treasurer two thousand three hundred ninety-three 0 dollars ($2,398.48).

GEO. F. THURSTON,
THOMAS R. HAYES, } *Auditors.*

June 26, 1871.

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 24, 1871

Aroostook Conference.

Lincoln	2 00	Patten	
Fort Fairfield	8 40		
County Conference	30 00		

Cumberland Conference.

West Auburn	65 00	Portland, State street	
So. Freeport	108 44	" High street	
Windham	30 60	" Plymouth Church	
Gray	30 85	" 2d Church	
Auburn	354 60	" West Chapel	
Cumberland	21 75	" Bethel Church	
Pownal	10 00	" A Friend	
Brunswick	67 77	Falmouth, 1st	
Freeport	28 25	Minot	
Yarmouth, 1st	62 00	Gorham	
Durham	12 65	Harpswell	
Ligonia	60 00	Portland, Union Female Circle	
Lewiston	52 00	No. Yarmouth	
Westbrook	50 00	Standish	

Franklin Conference.

Wilton	31 00	New Vineyard	
Temple	14 00	County Conference	
Strong	12 50	Philips	
Farmington	40 55		
Industry	2 75		

Hancock Conference.

Ellsworth	62 00	Orland	
Castine	81 50	Deer Isle, 1st	
County Conference	19 55	No. Deer Isle	
Amherst	64 20	W. Brooksville	
Tremont	1 00		
Bucksport	108 00		
Sedgwick and Brooksville	83 75		

Kennebec Conference.

Winslow	38 00	Waterville	
Gardiner	61 12	Monmouth	
Augusta	567 57	Litchfield	
Hallowell	208 77		
Winthrop	89 49		

Lincoln Conference.

Bath, Winter street	355 66	Edgecomb	
" Central Church	148 00	Thomaston	
Newcastle, 2d	41 30	Wiscasset	
Waldoboro'	22 50	Rockland	
Newcastle, 1st	8 43	Topsham	
Alna	10 98		

Oxford Conference.

ist	28 52	Dixfield	7 00
Village	8 52	Gilead	11 50
	20 00	Albany	10 00
	10 80	Andover	35 00
t	24 00	Bethel, 2d	10 00
	32 00	County Conference	31 25
	33 75		
			$262 34

Penobscot Conference.

st	299 08	Kenduskeag	18 00
Hammond street	220 00	Brewer, 1st	83 84
Central Church	353 00	East Orrington	40 00
	5 80	Friend in Bangor	100 00
	100 14		
	27 25		$1246 50

Piscataquis Conference.

	57 56	Greenville	20 00
and Dover	50 00	Monson	10 00
e	20 10	Dexter	6 00
l	12 00		
			$175 66

Somerset Conference.

a	1 50	Athens	12 00
rock	80 00	N. New Portland	14 00
t	22 70	Mercer	10 00
ference	2 07		
	37 00		$194 27
	15 00		

Union Conference.

	58 20	Brownfield	19 80
	25 00	Denmark	5 00
	21 00	Harrison	6 65
ference	16 00	No. Bridgton	10 00
n	24 20		
	7 00		$192 85

Waldo Conference.

1st	129 50	Camden	25 00
2d	31 17	No. Belfast	29 45
	67 16	Jackson and Brooks	25 05
t	62 25		
			$369 58

Washington Conference.

s of Churches	98 20	Whitneyville	6 00
	162 12	Princeton	100 00
rt	10 00	Cooper	52 00
ns	46 00	Marshfield	42 00
	61 00	Calais	50 00
nook	20 00	Topsfield	14 17
	55 00	Eastport	58 00
h	50 00		
	7 00		$881 49

York Conference.

ld	40 00	Cornish	11 60
	71 28	South Kennebunkport	10 00
ort, 1st	40 00	Biddeford, 1st	19 00
	169 39	York, 1st	69 45
	22 95	Buxton	8 50
	56 87	Buxton Center	20 00
	15 25	Limington	24 17
	20 00	West Newfield	21 00
	22 00		
ce	4 15		$675 61
	40 00		

nt in the above table is $8,743.28.

LIFE MEMBERS

RECOGNIZED SINCE LAST ANNUAL REPORT.

Dea. Ansel Staples.....West Auburn
Mrs. Susan Meeds.....Biddeford
Mrs. Elizabeth Cole.....Biddeford
Henry K. Stuart.....Orono
Mrs. Wm. F. Moody.....Kennebunkport
Rev. Thos. E. Babb.....Eastport
Mrs. Charles Vose.....Machias
Miss Cynthia Perry.....Machias
Miss Lucy Longfellow.....Machias
Isa G. Poor.....Belfast
Mrs. Elley Sawyer.....Searsport
Mrs. Matilda S. Bickmore.....Searsport
Mrs. Nichols.....Searsport
Miss Emma Porter.....Searsport
Mrs. Mary Lane.....Searsport
Frank A. Colcord.....Searsport
Dea. Jeremiah Talbott.....South Freeport
Micah Stockbridge.....South Freeport
Sidney S. Soule.....South Freeport
Alice Mary Fogg.....South Berwick
Stephen C. Heald.....Sumner
Mrs. Eliza Hunt.....Gray
Miss Annie Hay Everett.....Bath
Mrs. J. R. Herrick.....Bangor
James W. Littlefield.....Saco
Joseph Emmons.....Lyman
A. F. Miller.....Camden
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Mrs. Emily G. Bixby.....
Mrs. Ann E. Tallman.....
Miss M. A. Flitner.....
Mrs. Charles Deering.....
Miss S. F. Sanborn.....
Mrs. E. P. Norton.....
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Mrs. Lucy C. Titus.....
Mrs. Julia Thomas.....
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Mrs. L. G. Pierce.....
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Mrs. Sarah I. Oxnard.....

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lia Lord.....Portland
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a B. Warren.....Portland
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h H. Warden.....Farmington
Wainwright Swan.....Portland
ley H. Williams.....Portland
a V. Williams.....Portland
h J. Leavitt.....Portland
de A. Prince.....Portland
A. Hutchinson.....Portland
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Hincks.....Brewer
Ann Burr.....Brewer
W. Harris.....East Machias
am Hart.....Bath
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h H. Sanborn.....Parsonsfield

Rev. W. R. Pierce.....Eastport
Mrs. Sarah E. Goodenow.....Calais
Mrs. Caroline D. Bailey.....Calais
Mrs. Edward S. A. Little.....Auburn
Miss Ellen Little.....Auburn
Mrs. Edward H. Balkam.....Milltown
Mr. P. C. Pinkham.....South Freeport
Harriet Peabody.....Princeton
Mrs. Enoch Longfellow.....Machias
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P. Claflin, Bangor First Church, Bangor Seminary, 1850.....Lawana, West Africa.
W. Cole, Bangor, Hammond-st Ch., Bangor Seminary, 1868....Erzeroom, Eastern Turkey.
Dole, Bloomfield Church, Bangor Seminary, 1859, Koloa (Kauai), Sandwich Islands.
K. Greene, Lewiston Church, Union Seminary, N. Y., 1858, Broosa, Western Turkey.
P. Green, Bangor Central Church, Bangor Sem. 1863, Honolulu (Oahu) Sandwich Islands.
Hamlin., dd, ll. d., Portland Second Church, Bangor Seminary, 1837,
President Robert College, Constantinople, Turkey.
Paris, Bangor Hammond-st. Ch., Bangor Sem., 1839..So. Kona (Hawaii), Sand. Islands.
Pierce, Bangor Central Church, Bangor Seminary, 1868....Erzeroom, Eastern Turkey.
A. Pollard, Hallowell Church, Bangor Seminary, 1854....Erzeroom, Eastern Turkey.
en G. Snow, Brewer First Ch., Bangor Sem., 1849, Ebon (Marshall's Island), Micronesia.
H. Wheeler, Warren Church, Bangor Seminary, 1852.....Harpoot, Eastern Turkey.

☞ NOTICE TO SCRIBES OF CHURCHES, AND REPORTERS OF CONFERENCES.

The attention of the Clerks or Scribes of Churches, and Scribes or Reporters of Conferences is requested to the importance of adhering assiduously and promptly to the directions for preparing and forwarding the returns of the Churches.

The Clerks of churches to enter in blanks furnished by the Scribe of County Conference, "the total number of members, including the absent. Enter also the absent members in the separate column. See that the report of members agrees with the previous year: adding the number received this year, and deducting those removed. Enter in the last column, the number of copies wanted of MINUTES, which includes Reports and the Sermon before the Maine Missionary Society.

This report is to be completed in full, signed by the Clerk of the Church, and forwarded by mail to the Scribe [or Reporter] of your Conference, without fail, on the first Monday after the first Sabbath in May. Append a written account of the condition of the Church,—its history, meetings, &c., for the past year,—furnishing any items which may prove of service to him in making his Annual Report to the County Conference, and to the General Conference of Maine,—both of which are required immediately after the above date."

TO SCRIBES OR REPORTERS OF THE LOCAL CONFERENCES.

"Each Church in the County to make return to the Scribe of their Conference on the first Monday after the first Sabbath in May of each year. [If not reported within a week from that time, the Scribe [of the County Conference] is desired to procure the information necessary, by writing at once to the delinquent Church, by mail, (and more than once, if necessary), so that there may be a full and correct report from them. Let every church be reported. The Report of the County Conference thus completed, to be forwarded by the Scribe through the Post-office, to the Corresponding Secretary of the General Conference of Maine, promptly, twenty days before the Annual Meeting of that body, which occurs on the Tuesday preceding the fourth Wednesday in June. Append a written report of the state of religion in the Conference, and a synopsis of the history of the Churches for the year. Give a full and correct list of Pastors, stated supplies, Ministers without charge, and the Licentiates,—with full dates (year, month, and day of the month); also, the Post-office address of ministers,—report changes from previous year,—and any other item which you may wish to have embodied in the printed minutes. As the General Conference wish to publish the minutes directly after the Annual Meeting, the necessity of sending this report at the time above-mentioned, will be apparent. Do not write on the back of the Table. Write letters and figures distinctly. Make separate report of the number of copies of Minutes wanted,—and the two-cent apportionment,—(see return of each Church.)" Report also the name of the Clerk of each Church.

If all who are appointed to these duties will attend to them at the time designated, it will render the task of the Secretaries, and Publishing Committee of the General Conference less burdensome, and provide for more full and correct returns. The several Clerks, Scribes, and Reporters, can best procure and send the desired information from their respective localities. *Begin in April to gather the material, and send the report completed in May,* as directed.

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MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN MAINE: —

WITH THE

SERMON

BEFORE

THE MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

BY REV. JOSEPH SMITH, OF MINOT,

AND

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES,

AT ITS SIXTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY,

HELD WITH THE

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The FORTY-SEVENTH annual meeting of the GENERAL CONFERENCE of the CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES in Maine, will be held with the *Congregational Church in Gorham*, commencing on Tuesday, June 24, 1873, at 9 o'clock A. M.

SIXTY-SIXTH anniversary of the MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY, on Wednesday, June 25, at 9 o'clock A. M.

FIFTY-FIFTH anniversary of the Maine Branch of the AMERICAN EDUCATION SOCIETY, and the FIFTY-SECOND annual meeting of the MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY, are held during the week.

☞ By a vote of the GENERAL CONFERENCE, honorary titles are omitted in the Minutes.

MINUTES OF 1872.

The FORTY-SIXTH Annual Meeting of the GENERAL CONFERENCE OF E CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN MAINE, was held with the Congretional Church in Skowhegan, commencing Tuesday, June 25, 1872, at 9 lock A. M.

The *Moderator*, Hon. NELSON DINGLEY, jr., of Lewiston, took the chair, d conducted the opening exercises.

United in singing,—

"Come we who love the Lord."

The Moderator read John 15,—and, by his invitation, Rev. Edward F. tter, of Belfast, led in prayer.

The *Recording Secretary*, Dea. E. F. Duren, of Bangor, being absent,— v. John D. Emerson, of Biddeford, was chosen Recording Secretary, *pro* ., and Rev. Geo. N. Marden, of Farmington, Assistant Scribe.

Revs. W. Woodbury, of Skowhegan, and J. D. Emerson, of Biddeford, re deputed by the chair to receive the credentials of Delegates.

The Constitution and Rules of Conference were read by the Moderator.

DELEGATES.

COUNTY CONFERENCES REPRESENTED.

AROOSTOOK.

ne reported.

CUMBERLAND.

v. Ezra H. Byington, of Brunswick. Alvin Hall, of Falmouth.
v. G. B. Richardson, of Cumb'd Centre. Barnabas Freeman, of Yarmouth.
v. Horatio Ilsley, of South Freeport.

FRANKLIN.

v. Geo. N. Marden, of Farmington. Dea. Timothy H. Frye, of Weld.

HANCOCK.

Alfred E. Ives, of Castine. Dea. Samuel Adams, of Castine.
Sewell Tenney, of Ellsworth. N. H. Powers, of Orland.

KENNEBEC.

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Chas. G. McCully, of Hallowell. William Jordan of Waterville.

LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC.

Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath.
Dea. F. Carleton, of Woolwich.
M. E. Wade, of Warren.

OXFORD.

Rev. Geo. A. Lockwood, of Oxford.
Rev. A. B. Jordan, of Turner.
Enoch W. Woodbury, of Bethel.
Fred. E. Shaw, of Paris.

PENOBSCOT.

Rev. Solomon P. Fay, of Bangor.
Rev. J. S. Cogswell, of Holden.
Dea. J. S. Wheelwright, of Bangor.

PISCATAQUIS.

None reported.

SOMERSET.

Rev. Webster Woodbury, of Skowhegan.
Rev. Ezra N. Smith, of Solon.
A. R. Bixby, of Skowhegan.
Mortimer Bodwell, of Solon.

UNION.

Rev. Ezra B. Pike, of Stow.
Rev. Wellington Newell, of N. Waterford.
Charles C. Sampson, of Harrison.

WALDO.

Rev. Robert H. Davis, of Belfast.
Dea. Robert Porter, of Searsport.
John S. Caldwell, of Belfast.

WASHINGTON.

Rev. Charles Whittier, of Dennysville.
Rev. George Juchau, of Robbinston.

YORK.

Rev. Silvanus Hayward, of So. Berwick.
Roscoe G. Smith, of Cornish.

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MINISTER OF THE PLACE.—Rev. Webster Woodbury, of Skowhegan.

PREACHER.—Rev. William H. Fenn, of Portland.

LEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES WHO FULFILLED THEIR APPOINTMENT.

Revs. Benjamin M. Frink, of Saco, to New Hampshire; Ezra H. Byington, of nswick, to Vermont; Austin L. Park, of Gardiner, to Maine Conference Metho- Episcopal Church;—and by letter,—Revs. Edwin P. Wilson, of Bridgton, to Con- ticut; John C. Adams, of Falmouth, to New Jersey; Chas. L. Nichols, of Brown- e, to Michigan; Edward P. Thwing, of Portland, to Missouri; J. S. Cogswell, of lden, to Minnesota; Jonathan E. Adams, of Searsport, to Kansas; Joseph Smith, Minot, to Oregon; Chas. G. McCully, of Hallowell, to California; Horace Tooth- er, of New Sharon, to Maine Methodist Conference.

DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Rev. Thomas K. Noble, of Cleveland, Ohio Congregational Conference.
Rev. Rowland B. Howard, of Princeton, General Association of Illinois.
Rev. Austin Willey, of Northfield, General Congregational Conference of Min- sota.
Rev. William L. Jones, of Benicia, Congregational Association of California.
Rev. H. Pierce, of Skowhegan, Maine Baptist Missionary Convention.
Rev. Parker Jacques, of Skowhegan, Maine Conference of the Methodist E. urch.

REPRESENTATIVES OF BENEVOLENT ORGANIZATIONS.

Rev. WILLIAM WARREN, of Gorham, Dis. Sec. Am. Bd. Com. for For. Missions.
Rev. WILLIAM H. GILBERT, of Hartford, American Bible Society.
Rev. CHARLES L. WOODWORTH, of Boston, American Missionary Association.
Rev. FRANCIS SOUTHWORTH, of Portland, Am. Seamen's Friend Society.
Rev. STEPHEN THURSTON, of Searsport, Am. Home Missionary Society.
Rev. ASA BULLARD, of Boston, Congregational Publishing Society.

In accordance with Article third of the Constitution, the Moderator gave ordial invitation to ministers, and all present, to take part in the devo- nal exercises and discussions of the Conference.

The delegates to Corresponding Bodies, who fulfilled their appointment, orted.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL.

y request, Rev. Silvanus Hayward, of South Berwick, read a report of ttendance upon the Council at Oberlin, as Delegate from York County, expressing approval of the declaration of the doctrinal basis adopted.

ev. Joseph Smith, of Minot, moved that the report be adopted.

ev. H. F. Harding, of Hallowell, desired to amend the motion, by add- that it be published with the Minutes.

aid on the table, for the present.

ubsequently, on motion of Rev. William Warren, of Gorham, the report taken up, and, after some discussion,

VOTED, That the substance of the report be published in the Minutes, in the Christian Mirror, and other religious papers.

The report was adopted.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Rev. John B. Wheelwright, of Oxford Conference; and Rev. Benjamin Tappan, of Somerset Conference, were appointed to take the place of two members of the Nominating Committee whose term of office expires this year.

The roll of delegates was called.

CONFERENCE SERMON.

11 o'clock.

Sung,— "Come, Holy Spirit."

Rev. William H. Bolster, of Wiscasset, read Job 11th chapter, and Rev. Henry F. Harding, of Hallowell, led in prayer.

Sermon by Rev. William H. Fenn, of High Street Church, Portland.

TEXT.—Galatians 2:20. "Yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." Christianity a vital force peculiar to itself, which has its source in the indwelling spirit of Jesus. Christ in the believer the grand evidence of Christianity.

Adjourned.

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2 o'clock P. M.

The Moderator read Luke 11th chapter.

Sung,— "Blest be the tie."

Prayer,—Rev. Parker Jacques, of Skowhegan, Delegate from Methodist churches.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES,—participated in by Revs. J. E. Adams, J. Smith, J. T. Hawes, and J. O. Fiske.

Sung,— "Nearer to thee."

SCEPTICISM.

The following topic was then discussed:

"How can we best meet the scepticism of the day."

Opened by Rev. Edward Y. Hincks, of Portland,—followed by Rev. John D. Emerson, of Biddeford.

Sung,— "My faith looks up to thee."

Prayer by Rev. Austin Willey, delegate from Minnesota.

CHRISTIAN NURTURE.

c. Are we as families and churches properly providing for the Christian
the young?

l by Rev. Edward F. Cutter, of Rockland; continued by Rev. Asa
of Massachusetts, Revs. J. T. Hawes, and Thomas Adams.

by Rev. T. Adams.

HOUSEHOLD BAPTISM.

llowing memorial, adopted by Cumberland Conference and for-
y vote to General Conference for their consideration, was, on
Rev. J. O. Fiske, of Bath, accepted and adopted, after the substi-
n motion of Rev. S. Hayward, of South Berwick—of the word
for "sacrament" in section 3.

g as we do that the church of God is one church, whether under the Old
dispensation or the New; that our Lord Jesus Christ, in enlarging and
it, did not deprive it of its ancient privileges, but rather confirmed them,
le the Christian church heir of the spiritual blessings and promises which
given to the Jewish church; and that his people are therefore now in
of the Abrahamic covenant, by which divine love and grace are specially
o believers and their households:

nbers of the Cumberland Conference of Congregational churches, in con-
sembled, desire

ffirm most solemnly our faith in a covenant-keeping God.

ffirm our earnest belief that from the earliest times his method of bestow-
upon his people has been by *covenanting* with them for themselves and
ren; and that as his covenant specially claims the children as his own,
vided a special seal of it to be applied to them, setting them apart as his,
em into visible relation with his church, and requiring the church to
ain them for his service.

lso declare our firm conviction that this method of Christian nurture in
is one of God's chief modes of enlarging his church, and has been most
vored and blessed; and that it is our duty and our privilege to observe
mly and constantly the ordinance of Infant Baptism, and to take the
ildren of the church into more intimate and sacred relation with the

we therefore recommend that each of our churches make and preserve a
baptized children, as carefully as of its membership, and endeavor by
means of grace, by parental authority and example at home, by prayer
d social worship, by instruction in the Sabbath school, and by pastoral
ining, to so watch over and nurture these covenant children of our Lord,
shall grow up into him from their earliest years, and shall ratify the act
faith by their own personal consecration to the service of the Father,
on, and of the Holy Ghost.

singing,—

"Dear dying Lord."

CONGREGATIONAL PUBLISHING SOCIETY.

Rev. Asa Bullard, Secretary, presented the interests of this organization.

Evening.—Praise Meeting.

An interesting song-service was held for forty-five minutes, conducted by Rev. Edward P. Thwing, of Portland; with remarks by him, and a brief address by Rev. John B. Wheelwright, of South Paris.

MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

Incorporated January 23, 1821.

FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING.

Dea. Samuel Adams, of Castine, President, in the chair.

The Report of the Treasurer, Rev. J. E. Adams, of Searsport, was presented.

Receipts	$607.86
Paid to fourteen families	371.85
Balance to new account	$236.01

Five hundred dollars has since been received for the permanent fund, from the executor of Rev. Isaac Rogers' estate $500.00

Appeals in behalf of the objects of this Society, which furnishes aid to the widows and orphans of deceased ministers, were made by Revs. J. O. Fiske, E. F. Cutter, E. Bean, and Dea. S. Adams.

A collection was taken, amounting to $68.40.

Dea. Adams resigned his office as President. A vote of thanks was passed in testimony of his faithfulness in office, and his frequent gifts to the society.

OFFICERS OF THE MAINE CONG'L CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

Rev. WOOSTER PARKER	*President*	Belfast.
Rev. SEWALL TENNEY	*Vice-president*	Ellsworth.
Rev. EDWARD F. CUTTER	*Secretary*	Rockland.
Rev. JONATHAN E. ADAMS	*Treasurer*	Searsport.
Dea. ROBERT PORTER	*Auditor*	Searsport.

The President, Secretary, and Treasurer, *ex-officiis*, Rev. Messrs. E. POND, S. TENNEY, R. WOODHULL, S. THURSTON, and J. J. ABBOT, *Trustees.*

Second Day.—Wednesday, June 26.

8 o'clock A. M.

The Moderator read Psalm 19.

Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Hancock Conference, led in prayer.

Frederic E. Shaw, of Paris, was elected scribe *pro tem.*

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

ev. Edward F. Cutter, of Rockland, offered the following resolution:

ESOLVED, In view of the great number of Christian Associations with whom we in correspondence, and of the impossibility of securing personal attendance, at r meetings, of delegates from this body,—that we do hereby discontinue the ointment of such delegates, except to those Christian Associations within our State with whom we have had such pleasant communion, and will hereafter p up our fellowship with Associations out of the State by sending yearly to each hem a copy of our minutes; and we do also authorize any of the members of this ference who may be able to attend the meetings of any of these evangelical Con- nces or Associations, to express to them our fraternal greetings, and to assure m of our fellowship with them in the labor of the gospel.

he subject was discussed by Revs. Fiske of Bath, Tenney of Ellsworth, aska, Smith of Minot, Ives of Castine, Hayward of South Berwick, ley, delegate from Minnesota, and Fay of Bangor.

he resolution was adopted.

TEMPERANCE.

red. E. Shaw, of Paris, offered the following resolution:

ESOLVED, That we rejoice in the progress of the cause of temperance in this e, during the past year, through the various instrumentalities employed; and cially through the influence of the Temperance Reform movement, which is ing renewed interest in this beneficent reformation; and we urge upon the bers of our churches the duty of earnestly and actively co-operating in this and her movements calculated to promote a cause so closely allied to true Religion.

dopted.

TOBACCO.

ev. Josiah T. Hawes, of Litchfield, offered the following resolutions:

HEREAS, the common use of Tobacco in chewing and smoking, greatly prevails e community, especially with our young men, many of whom are the sons of e covenant people, the hope of the church; and,

HEREAS, the common use of the drug tends to enervate the mind and body, to fy the conscience, thus throwing a serious obstacle in the way of their mental vement and conversion to God. Therefore,

OLVED, That apathy in regard to this subject is no longer justifiable, and that ectionately and earnestly ask for this great moral question a serious, candid, ayerful examination by all our ministers and members, as a question of high rtance to the kingdom of Christ, and the welfare of souls.

OLVED, That entire abstinence from the use of Tobacco in all its forms, except uired for medicinal purposes, is the true ground on this subject.

OLVED, That it is worthy of inquiry whether, in receiving members, the hes should not insist that they should abstain from the common use of Tobacco.

v. Wooster Parker, of Belfast, and others, objected; but the resolutions adopted, only two delegates voting against it.

RESIGNATION OF THE MODERATOR.

Hon. Nelson Dingley, jr., of Lewiston, being obliged to leave, resigned his position of Moderator, to which he was elected in 1870 for three years.

Accepted, and on motion of Rev. William Warren, of Gorham, it was

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Conference be tendered to Hon. N. Dingley, jr., of Lewiston, for the urbanity, dignity, fairness, and ability with which he has discharged his responsible duties.

Adopted by a rising vote.

Conference adjourned to 2 P. M.

MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Organized in 1807.

SIXTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

Nine o'clock A. M.

Dea. Joseph S. Wheelwright, of Bangor, President, in the chair.

Devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. Jotham B. Sewall, of Bowdoin College.

Sermon, by Rev. Joseph Smith, of Minot.

TEXT.—2 Cor. 5:16.

THEME.—The Gospel a true standard of judgment.

The Sermon, Report of the Treasurer and Trustees, the Topics, Speakers, Remarks, and votes following, and Hymns sung, are reported in the proceedings of the Society, and included in this pamphlet; also, the officers of the ensuing year.

Annual contribution, $58.55.

Afternoon, 2 o'clock. Conference resumed its session.

Called to order by F. E. Shaw, Secretary, *pro tem.*, who read the 84th Psalm.

Sung,— "Come, Holy Spirit."

Prayer,—Rev. David Garland, of Oxford Conference.

Proceeded to the election of a Moderator.

Hon. Enoch W. Woodbury, of Bethel, was chosen, who took the chair.

BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Rev. Henry S. Loring, of Hancock Conference, in behalf of the Committee who visited the Seminary, at its last anniversary, presented their report.

Remarks were added by Rev. S. P. Fay and Prof. L. L. Paine, of Bangor, and Rev. A. E. Ives, of Castine.

The report was accepted,—and ordered published with the Minutes. (See Reports.)

Dea. S. W. Larrabee, of Portland, led in prayer.

CLASSICAL SCHOOL.

Rev. Henry F. Harding, of Hallowell, gave an extended account of the enterprise thus far. The Trustees had come within a few thousands of the requisite $50,000, had purchased real estate, and were endeavoring to get full endowment.

Rev. Jotham B. Sewall, of Bowdoin College, added remarks—dwelling also upon the topic,—"How to keep the Christian element in our educational system." In regard to funds, he said that one-half of one per cent on the property of the twenty thousand Congregational church members in Maine would endow the Classical School, Bowdoin College, and Bangor Seminary.

Hon. Joseph Titcomb, of Kennebunk, and Rev. James M. Palmer, of Portland, also spoke upon the subject.

On motion,

VOTED, That the matter of raising a deficiency of $5,000, for the Classical School, be referred to the delegates from the different Conferences, who will meet in the evening.

On the next morning, Rev. Charles Whittier, of Washington Conference, made a report in their behalf, which was accepted.

The committee appointed by the delegates to devise a plan to complete the endowment of the Classical Academy, report:

1. That it is inexpedient for the delegates to pledge their respective Conferences for the amount needed.
2. That the Conference advise the trustees of the Academy to appeal to the churches for a subscription of one dollar from each church member to complete the endowment, and to establish a beneficiary fund to aid students in the Academy who are preparing for the ministry.

A. B. JORDAN,
CHARLES WHITTIER.

VOTED, That the Trustees be authorized to appeal to the churches, by agents, or otherwise, for the Classical School.

AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

Rev. Charles L. Woodworth, of Boston, presented the claims of the Freedmen, and the work of the Society in the South.

SEAMEN'S CAUSE.

Rev. Francis Southworth, of Portland, spoke in their behalf.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Rev. William Warren, of Gorham, District Secretary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, presented this cause in its grandeur and comprehensiveness.

Adjourned.

[While the Conference was in session this afternoon, a second meeting was held in the Congregational meeting-house, at which were gathered, chiefly, the members of the Sabbath schools in Skowhegan and vicinity. Rev. E. P. Thwing, of Portland, presided, and interested the children by exhibiting and illustrating Clark's "Bible Roll;" and also curiosities from the Holy Land. Rev. Asa Bullard, of Boston, the children's friend, made remarks; also, Rev. Samuel H. Merrill, of Portland. Prayer was offered by Rev. E. Bean, of Gray, and the children sung, led by Rev. W. Woodbury, of Skowhegan.]

Evening.

The Moderator read the 84th Psalm.

Prayer,—Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Waldo Conference.

OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH.

TOPIC,—May the objects of the Sabbath be better attained by making it freer for purposes of recreation and social intercourse?

Opened by Rev. Albert Cole, of Cornish, followed by Rev. J. O. Fiske, of Bath. The difference between Christian Sabbath-keeping, and modern Sabbath-breaking was shown. Let us have a consecrated Sabbath, yet not a rigid one; a holy-day, not a holiday.

MAINE BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Organized in Portland, Nov. 19, 1818.

Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath, Vice-president.

The Report of the Treasurer, Rev. Professor Jotham B. Sewall, of Brunswick, was read by him.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand	$ 165.60	
Contributions from fifteen churches	432.07	
" from four individuals	20.00	
Bank dividends	44.00	
Draft on Parent Society	1,360.30	
Collection, annual meeting in Bath	16.43	
		$2,038.40

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Beneficiaries in Bangor Seminary	$1,075.00	
" " " Bowdoin College	550.00	
" Parent Society	273.70	
" balance to new account	139.70	
		$2,038.40

ıe Secretary, Rev. Professor William M. Barbour, of Bangor, read his ırt,—clear, concise, convincing. (Published in the Christian Mirror, 9, 1872.)

v. Henry R. Davis, of Belfast, and Professor L. L. Paine, of Bangor nary, followed with remarks.

llection taken, $41.

ICERS OF THE MAINE BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

ENOCH POND	*President*	Bangor.
JOHN O. FISKE	*Vice-president*	Bath.
WILLIAM M. BARBOUR	*Secretary*	Bangor.
JOTHAM B. SEWALL	*Treasurer*	Brunswick.
BOWKER	*Auditor*	Brunswick.

ECTORS.—President and Secretary, *ex officiis;* Prof. ALPHEUS S. PACKARD, lev. David Shepley.

Third Day,—Thursday, June 27.

ght o'clock.

derator read 40th Psalm.

ayer,—Rev. Thomas K. Noble, delegate from Ohio.

TREASURER AND AUDITOR'S REPORT.

a. Joseph S. Wheelwright, of Bangor, Treasurer, presented his report, h, with the report of the Auditor, Dea. William S. Dennett, of Bangor, accepted, and placed on file.

RECEIPTS.

Treasury from old account	$ 39.13	
ved at annual meeting in Winter Street Church, Bath	48 70	
Collection for Memorial Committee	17 53	
from York Conference, toward balance 1870	16 50	
from Cumberland Conference, toward 1872	15 20	
(1) from County Conferences, toward 1871	303 80	
(2) from Churches for Minutes	38 55	
(3) from Churches for Abstract of Minutes	8 45	
(4) from Churches toward proportion of expenses	17 80	
		$505.67

EXPENDITURES.

easurer Memorial Committee	$ 32.71	
cording Secretary, per vote of Conference	50 00	
Thurston & Co., Portland, paper, composition, printing, and binding Minutes, and Abstract for 1871	301 65	
blishing Com. for paper, blanks, circulars, postage, freight, &c.	87 47	
lance on hand, to new account	33 84	
		$505.67

(1-4) Aroostook,	6.00;	Cumberland,	100.00;	Franklin,	15.00	
Hancock,	20 00;	Kennebec,	26 78;	Lincoln & S.,	27 35	
Oxford,	22 40;	Penobscot,	38 90;	Piscataquis,	15 00	
Somerset,	12 42;	Union,	24 85;	Waldo,	15 00	
Washington,	22 00;	York,	22 90			——$368.60

Rev. Albert Cole, of Cornish, moved that hereafter a sermon be preached at the communion service, on the last day of Conference, instead of addresses,—not carried.

He then moved that addresses be dispensed with,—laid on the table.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Rev. John W. H. Baker, of Brewer, in behalf of the Committee, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted, as follows:

COMMITTEES.

Standing of Ministers.

Rev. ENOCH POND.....Bangor. | Rev. J. O. FISKE.....Bath.
Rev. STEPHEN THURSTON...Searsport. | Rev. SEWALL TENNEY.....Ellsworth
Rev. JOHN J. CARRUTHERS...Portland.

Sabbath Schools—Rev. HORACE TOOTHAKER, of New Sharon.

Publication of Minutes.

Dea. E. F. DUREN and JOHN L. CROSBY, of Bangor, and Rev. JOHN D. EMERSON, of Biddeford.

To visit the Theological Seminary, Bangor.

MEMBERS.	RESIDENCE.	CONFERENCE.
Rev. WILLIAM T. SLEEPER	Caribou	*Aroostook.*
Rev. EBENEZER BEAN	Gray	*Cumberland.*
Rev. GEORGE N. MARDEN	Farmington	*Franklin.*
Rev. WILLIAM FORSYTH	Bucksport	*Hancock.*
Rev. THOMAS ADAMS	Winslow	*Kennebec.*
Rev. WILLIAM F. OBEAR	Newcastle	*Lincoln and Sagadahoc*
Rev. ALVIN B. JORDAN	Turner	*Oxford.*
Dea. WILLIAM S. DENNETT	Bangor	*Penobscot.*
Rev. JOHN H. GURNEY	Foxcroft	*Piscataquis.*
Rev. THOMAS G. MITCHELL	Madison	*Somerset.*
Rev. DAVID B. SEWALL	Fryeburg	*Union.*
Rev. A. N. JONES	Brooks	*Waldo.*
Rev. WILLIAM CARRUTHERS	Calais	*Washington.*
Rev. JOHN D. EMERSON	Biddeford	*York.*

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Delegates to attend in person, or send a written communication.—RULE 18.

Maine Baptist Missionary Convention.
Third Tuesday in June (17), 1873.
. A. SHOREY.....Camden. | Rev. A. H. WRIGHT.....Portland.

Maine Conference of Methodist Episcopal Church.
May, 1873.
. N. MARDEN.....Farmington. | Rev. L. BARTLETT.....Yarmouth.

East Maine Conference of Methodist Episcopal Church.
May, 1873.
O. FISKE.....Bath. | Rev. L. L. PAINE.....Bangor.

Freewill Baptist Yearly Meeting.—Maine.
MAINE WESTERN.
Third Monday in June (16), 1873.
. LARRABEE.....Portland. | Rev. E. Y. HINCKS.....Portland.

MAINE CENTRAL.
Second Tuesday in Sept. (10), 1872.
GLEY, Jr.....Lewiston. | Rev. J. T. HAWES.....Litchfield.

PENOBSCOT.
Third Tuesday in August (19), 1872, in East Corinth.
TENNEY.....Ellsworth. | Dea. J. R. FARRINGTON.....Orono.

ote of Conference (p. 9) the sending of delegates out of the State is discon-
Any member of Conference, who may be present at either of the meetings,
orized to represent this body. A list of State Conferences and Associations,
e time and place of meeting, may be found in the appendix.)

NEXT MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Tuesday preceding the fourth Wednesday of June (24), 1873, at nine
A. M., with the Congregational Church, Gorham.

Committee of Arrangements.
ONARD Z. FERRIS; Rev. LUTHER WISWALL; Rev. WILLIAM WARREN.

Committee to represent the Maine Branch of the Education Society, and the Maine Congregational Charitable Society.
ILLIAM M. BARBOUR, of Bangor; Rev. EDWARD F. CUTTER, of Rockland.

Preacher—Tuesday Forenoon.
M. M. BARBOUR, Bangor, Prim. | Rev. EZRA H. BYINGTON, Brunswick, Sub.

Committee on Nominations.
Rev. WILLIAM T. SLEEPER, of Aroostook Conference.
Rev. HENRY S. LORING, of Hancock Conference.
Rev. JAMES CAMERON, of Piscataquis Conference.
Rev. JOHN ELLIOT, of York Conference.
Rev. JOHN B. WHEELWRIGHT, of Oxford Conference.
Rev. BENJAMIN TAPPAN, of Somerset Conference.

TREASURER AND AUDITOR.

Dea. JOSEPH S. WHEELWRIGHT, *Treasurer*.....Bangor.
Dea. WILLIAM S. DENNETT, *Auditor*.....Bangor.

THANKS TO TREASURER OF MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

VOTED, That the thanks of the Maine Conference be presented to Joshua Maxwell, Esq., for the ability with which he has gratuitously discharged the duties of the office of Treasurer of the Maine Missionary Society.

MEETING-HOUSE IN HIRAM.

An appeal was made by Rev. Henry R. Davis, of Belfast, who had been a missionary in Hiram two years since, in behalf of a church edifice for that place. It was seconded by Rev. S. P. Fay, of Bangor. $400 were pledged.

SALUTATIONS OF CORRESPONDING BODIES.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS.—Rev. Rowland B. Howard, of Princeton.

OHIO CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE.—Rev. Thomas K. Noble, of Cleveland.

GENERAL CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE OF MINNESOTA.—Rev. Austin Willey, of Northfield.

CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA.—Rev. William L. Jones, of Benicia. (Mr. Jones is a son of the late Rev. Elijah Jones, of Minot; and each of the above delegates were formerly of Maine, whom we were glad to greet again.)

MAINE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—Rev. Parker Jacques, of Skowhegan.

MAINE BAPTIST MISSIONARY CONVENTION.—Rev. H. Pierce, of Skowhegan.

Letters were read from

THE PRESBYTERIAN AND CONGREGATIONAL CONVENTION OF WISCONSIN.—Sending Christian salutations by their delegate, Rev. William Crawford, of Green Bay.

Also from the GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY.—Rev. Geo. E. Adams, of Orange, formerly of Maine (sending for himself $10 to the Maine Missionary Society).

Prayer,—Rev. George W. Hathaway, of Somerset Conference.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

Rev. William H. Gilbert, of Hartford, Conn., agent for New England, presented the claims of this organization.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Rev. David Garland, of Bethel, Corresponding Secretary of Conference, presented the state of the churches, for the year past. (Accepted, to be published with the Minutes.)

Remarks, suggested by the report, were made by Rev. S. P. Fay, of Bangor; M. Hankes, and T. K. Noble, delegate from Ohio.

After prayer,—adjourned.

COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.

Two o'clock P. M.

An invitation was extended to all members of Churches in fellowship with us, to unite in the observance of the ordinance.

After introductory services, remarks were made by Rev. R. B. Howard, delegate from Illinois.

Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine, offered prayer, and broke the bread, and Rev. P. B. Thayer, of Garland, gave thanks and administered the cup.

Closing remarks by Rev. Ezra H. Byington, of Brunswick.

United in singing a hymn.

The annual contribution taken. Amount $35.20.

VOTE OF THANKS.

Rev. Solomon P. Fay, of Bangor, with appropriate remarks, introduced the following minute:

The Conference of Congregational Churches of Maine would make due acknowledgments for many favors received at its present session, and return its hearty thanks,—

1. To the people of Skowhegan for their welcome and kindly hospitality.
2. To the Methodist Episcopal Society of Skowhegan for their Christian courtesy, in furnishing their neat house of worship for the sessions of this Conference.
3. To the Railroad and Steamboat Companies for their generous reduction of fares.
4. To the Committee of Arrangements for their important services so well performed.

The pastor of the church, Rev. Webster Woodbury, responded; as did also Rev. Parker Jaques, of the Methodist church, in whose house of worship most of the sessions have been held.

After singing and the benediction, adjourned.

E. F. DUREN, *Rec. Sec.* JOHN D. EMERSON, } *Recording Secretaries,*
FRED. E. SHAW, } *pro tem.*

On Monday evening (24th inst.) a service was held at which Rev. George N. Marden, of Farmington, preached. Text, Gal. 5: 14,—"All the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

Each morning a prayer-meeting was held, at 6½ o'clock, continuing one hour; conducted severally by Revs. W. R. Cross, of New Gloucester; J. T. Hawes, of Litchfield; and R. B. Howard, of Illinois.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

THE constituent parts of this Maine Conference still contin
of feeling and a oneness of aim in their striving to promote t
of the Redeemer's kingdom. The reported records of these c
local organizations, for the year just closed, exhibit evidence
not only have a name to live, but are possessed of an inhere
power that can never grow weary of toil in any good word o

AROOSTOOK.—This Conference, by reason of its peculiar forr
may be regarded as a missionary body, located on the eastern
our Christian civilization, and there scattering the seed of go
into those new places where the dense forests have yielded t
ward march of the woodman's axe.

CUMBERLAND.—In some portions of the year, marked religi
est has been experienced in several of the churches. Among t
tioned are Brunswick; Warren church, Cumberland Mills; St
and St. Lawrence Street, Portland; Cape Elizabeth; Scarbor
ham; and Plymouth church, Portland. Four Pastors have
missed,—Revs. C. C. Parker, Geo. Harris, C. L. Nichols, an
Obear; and four installed,—Revs. G. B. Richardson, Leavitt
E. A. Harlow, and F. F. Ford.

FRANKLIN.—Rev. George N. Marden has been installed p
the church in Farmington. A slight quickening and revivi
Spirit has been enjoyed by the churches in Weld. Rev. Isaa
for many years a very valuable member of that Conference, h
his work allotted by his divine Master. He was a lineal desc
John Rogers, the well-known martyr, of Smithfield. Throug
defense of the truth, his abiding trust in Christ, his firm adh
Christian principles, his fidelity to the church of which he wa
ty-two years, the much beloved and highly esteemed pastor, l
himself worthy to be related, by him, to that man of God, w
die at the marty's stake rather than say, I know not Christ.

HANCOCK.—The church in West Brooksville has had a season of special religious interest. This church, long aided by the Maine Missionary Society, has assumed the entire support of its own ordinances. A very interesting revival in Mt. Desert; some twenty-five or thirty conversions are reported.

KENNEBEC.—There has been no special interest in any of the churches of this Conference. The church in Augusta which has been without a pastor since Sept., 1870, has invited to its pulpit Jas. H. Ecob, of Andover, Mass., who has accepted the call, and will be ordained October next.

LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC.—Rev. William A. Spaulding has been dismissed from the 2d Church in Newcastle to enter the missionary field in Turkey. Rev. Wm. H. Bolster has been installed over the church in Wiscasset. There has been some special quickening of the Spirit in the church at Woolwich, and at Union. The church in Thomaston has erected a house of worship.

OXFORD.—Rev. A. B. Jordan was installed, Sept. 20, 1871, over the church in Turner, and dismissed June 11, 1872. Rev. Thomas T. Merry has been dismissed from the church in Norway. The church in Upton is erecting a house of worship.

PENOBSCOT.—Rev. Smith Baker has been dismissed from the church in Orono, and Rev. J. W. H. Baker has been installed over the church in Brewer.

PISCATAQUIS.—Rev. Charles L. Nichols has been installed over the church in Brownville. The church in Monson has been greatly blest in the revival of a work of grace; added to its fellowship forty. The church in Blanchard has also been graciously visited by the Holy Spirit. As the result of the revival, seventeen have been added to its membership. In Garland, some few have expressed hope in Christ; and also in Greenville.

SOMERSET.—Some religious interest has been enjoyed in Norridgewock; and Rev. E. N. Smith has been ordained as an evangelist at Solon.

UNION.—Rev. Ernest F. Borchers has been dismissed from the churches in North Bridgton and Harrison, and Rev. Nehemiah Lincoln has been installed over the same churches. Rev. E. P. Wilson, after having served the church in Center Bridgton for three years, as an evangelist, has left the State, very much to the regret of the people of his last

charge. On the 7th day of last November, Rev. John A. Douglass, o Waterford, delivered an address commemorative of the 50th anniversa ry of his settlement over the church in that town. The church is sev enty-two years of age, and has never had but two pastors, and has neve been a single day without a pastor.

WALDO.—Rev. Albert N. Jones has been installed over the church i Jackson and Brooks. This church has been revived by the gracious in fluence of the Spirit, and some have turned unto the Lord. The churc in Rockport has also been blest with special divine favor.

WASHINGTON.—The past year with this Conference has been one of u usual prosperity. The churches in Northfield and Princeton have mo than doubled their membership. The revival in Whitneyville, Mars field, and Northfield have produced a very salutary change among th people of those towns. In Marshfield, a new church has been orga ized. And a fine house of worship is in process of erection in Calais.

YORK.—Rev. Charles Tenney has been dismissed from the Pavili Church, Biddeford. Revs. Jos. Kyte has been installed over the church Alfred, and Henry G. Arnold over the church in Lyman. This is th oldest Conference in the State, organized at Buxton, in June, 1822. I members and friends celebrated its 50th anniversary the 4th and 5 days of the present month, by holding a public meeting in Buxton, th place where it was instituted.

The number of Pastors and Stated Supplies, the number of membe in the churches, the additions and removals during the year, number baptisms, number in the Sabbath Schools, and amount of contribution each Conference, as well as the sum total for the State, may be found the SUMMARY, at the end of the tables.

Rev. Isaac Rogers is the only minister connected with our Confe ence in the State who has died during the year. A few have died o of the State who were once pastors in Maine. Among this number we Revs. Francis Norwood, George W. Bourne, Benjamin R. Allen, an John Dodge. (See Necrology, p. 22.)

DAVID GARLAND, *Cor. Secretary.*

NECROLOGY.

ter in active service in the churches has died during the year.

AC ROGERS, died in Farmington, February 14, 1872, aged 76 years and 7

as born in Gloucester, Mass., July 13, 1795, and was a descendant of John
martyr. In December, 1806, he went to Boston, and learned the trade of
rking in the office of the "Palladium," until 1812, when he went to New-
nd pursued his trade there. He was converted while setting type for an
he New Testament. In May, 1815, he became connected with the church
r. Samuel Spring was pastor. In October, 1816, he entered Phillips Acad-
ver. Graduated at Dartmouth College in 1822; at Andover Seminary in
perior scholarship in college was acknowledged by requesting him to
ration in Greek, on graduating. In October, 1825, he went as a mission-
rsic Island, near Bath, and after a few months went to Farmington, where
ined Pastor March 9, 1826. He remained with them, a faithful and be-
r, an able, earnest, and impressive preacher, for thirty years; resigning
September 2, 1855, and dismissed by council, September 1, 1858. He con-
reside in the place, preaching as there was opportunity in Farmington,
Falls, Wilton, Waldoboro', Enfield, N. H., and other places. He was of
g voice and presence, dignified, genial, frank, and humorous, much be-
people and townsmen,—occupying a prominent place in councils, con-
d public meetings. All had learned to love him because of his pure Chris-
er. He had a practical faith in God,—none went to the throne of grace
reedom than he; his charity was abounding,—never having been heard
unkind word of anybody.

ervices were held in the church on Sabbath afternoon,—all the denomi-
ing in the services. The house was appropriately draped, and flowers
ed about the pulpit and casket. The choir sung appropriate selections,
tor, Rev. G. N. Marden, and Revs. J. T. Hawes, of Litchfield; H. Tooth-
r Sharon; F. A. Tolman, of the Baptist Church; S. Allen, of the Metho-
, took part in the services. The sermon was by Mr. Marden, the pastor,
25:1,—(this has been published, prefixed by a portrait of Father Rogers).

COGSWELL UPHAM, D.D., died in New York City, April 1, 1872, aged 73

Upham was born in Deerfield, N. H., January 30, 1799. He pursued
ory course at Exeter Academy. Graduated at Dartmouth College in
m Andover Seminary, 1821; was an assistant of Prof. Stuart in teach-
and Greek. Ordained in Rochester, N. H., July 16, 1823, remaining
year. In September, 1824, he was appointed Professor of Mental and
phy, and Lecturer on Biblical Criticism in Bowdoin College, where he

remained, diligently and ably fulfilling his duties. He occasionally preached, and supplied for a while the churches in Topsham and Harpswell. During this period, he prepared his able works on Mental Philosophy, which has been adopted as a text book extensively, in this and other lands. He also wrote other books, and communicated many articles to reviews and newspapers. The title of his principal works are (1) Translation of Jahn's Archæology, 1823; (2) Ratio Disciplinæ, or Constitution of the Congregational Churches; (3) Manual of Peace; (4) Mental Philosophy, 1831, in three volumes,—the Intellect, Sensibilities, and Will; (5) Abridgment of the same; (6) Interior Life; (7) Life of Faith; (8) Religious Maxims; (9) Life of Madam Guyon, two volumes; (10) Life of Catharine Adorna; (11) Divine Union; (12) American Cottage Life; (13) Letters, æsthetic, social, and moral, written from Europe, Egypt, and Palestine; (14) Essay on a Congress of Nations. A new work, "Christ in the Soul," was about to be published.

Prof. Upham's character was of a peculiar retiring, simple, childlike, winning, loving, charitable, and spiritual nature,—accomplishing much for the good of others. In the college, he ever felt a deep interest, and was instrumental of drawing prominent attention to it, and of increasing, to a considerable extent, its funds. He was seized, March 9, while on a visit to his brother in New York, and in usual health, with a paralytic shock, from which he never rallied. His last utterance was, "My soul is with God." An appropriate sketch of his life and character appeared in the Ch. Mir., April 9, 16, 23, 30, and June 18; N. Y. Independent, June 6; Congregationalist, August 18, and other papers. At Bowdoin Coll. Com., July, 1872, appropriate reference was made to his memory by President Chamberlain, Prof. Egbert C. Smyth, of Andover, Mass., and others. The South Congregational Parish, Kennebunkport, passed a vote commemorative of Prof. Upham; pub. in Ch. Mir., April 23.

Funeral services were held at Brunswick, April 4. Address by Prof. A. S. Packard. Rev. E. H. Byington and Rev. Dr. Fiske took part in the services. At the service in New York, Rev. Dr. R. D. Hitchcock gave a sketch of Prof. Upham's life, Rev. Dr. Adams read the Scripture, and Dr. Prentiss offered prayer.

Rev. NATHAN SIDNEY SMITH BEMAN, D. D., died in Carbondale, Illinois, Aug. 8, 1871, aged 86 years.

Dr. B. was born in New Lebanon, New York, Nov. 26, 1785. He graduated at Middlebury College in 1807. After remaining a year as tutor, he was ordained as pastor of the Third Church, Portland, March 14, 1810. The sermon at his ordination, by Rev. Kiah Bayley, of New Castle, with the charge of Rev. Jonathan Scott, of Minot, was published. On account of the health of his family he was dismissed in June, 1812, and removed to Georgia, establishing an academy, and preaching in Mt. Zion, Hancock Co. In 1822 he was called to Troy, New York, and installed pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, in that city, June 17, 1823. Here he remained a faithful and prominent preacher of the word until June 17, 1863, when he was constituted pastor-emeritus. A work on the Atonement, from his pen, was published in 1825. Several of his sermons, on Temperance and other topics, have been printed and widely circulated. "He was wise in counsel, and vigorous in action, and a revival preacher."

Rev. ASA RAND died in Ashburnham, Mass., August 24, 1871, aged 88 years.

Mr. R. was born in Rindge, N. H., August 6, 1783. Prepared for college in Ches-

terfield Academy, N. H. Graduated at Dartmouth College in 1806, with a high reputation for scholarship; studied theology with Rev. Asa Burton, D. D., Thetford, Vt. Licensed to preach, January, 1808. Ordained pastor at Gorham, January 18, 1809. After a prosperous and happy ministry of thirteen years, his throat becoming diseased, he was dismissed, at his request, from his charge, June 12, 1822. In August, 1822, he commenced the Christian Mirror, and was its first editor, remaining till June, 1825. From July, 1825, to June 1, 1826, he was principal of the Female Seminary at West Brookfield, Mass. On the first of July, 1826, he succeeded Gerard Hallock as co-editor and co-proprietor of the Boston Recorder, to April, 1831; also, during the latter part of the time, editor of the Youth's Companion, and Education Reporter; the latter being the first paper of the kind, afterwards united with the Annals of Education. From August, 1831, to July, 1833, editor of the Volunteer, a monthly religious paper, afterwards merged in the Evangelical Magazine, Hartford, Conn. From April, 1833, to April, 1835, bookseller and publisher of the Observer, Lowell, Mass. His health restored, he lectured on slavery in Maine and Massachusetts from 1835 to 1837. Afterwards acting pastor of Congregational church in Pompey, N. Y., September 15, 1837, to April, 1842; Presbyterian church, Peterboro', N. Y., February, 1844, to May, 1849; at Canfield, Ohio, July, 1851, to Nov., 1852; at Collamer and Euclid, Ohio, Nov., 1852, to 1854. He retired from public labors April, 1855, and resided at Ashburnham, Mass., taking an active part in all Christian work in his new home. He wielded a vigorous pen, and his habits of study and writing, especially for the press, he kept up to the last. The evening before his last sickness, which was only the day before his death, he wrote several pages. His death occurred the same day of the anniversary of the establishment of the Christian Mirror. (Of the 38 clergymen, who were designated in the first issue of the paper, as agents, only three are now living.) A volume of his sermons for families has been published, and several single discourses; also a volume against Quakerism, called "A Word in Season;" a review of the "New divinity," and of Backus' ministry in Boston; and small volumes on Slavery. Some of his articles on this subject are said to have first called the attention of the late Gov. John A. Andrew to the question, and decided his course. "He was faithful to his Master, faithful to God's poor ones, when it cost a great deal to do it." L. S. P., Cong'l.; Ch. Mir., Sept. 5, 1871. His first wife was Gratia, daughter of Rev. Seth Payson, D. D., of Rindge, N. H., and his pastor,—and the father of Dr. Payson, of Portland. She died April 29, 1818. He married, in 1820, Clarissa Thorndike, of Beverly, Mass., who died July 7, 1825. In 1826, he married Mrs. Mary Coolidge, daughter of Rev. Mr. Cushing, for fifty years pastor of the church in Ashburnham, Mass. She died June 12, 1871, aged 89 years. (Notice in Cong. Quar., October, 1871, page 539.)

Rev. JOSEPH CAMMET LOVEJOY, died suddenly of congestion of the brain, in Cambridgeport, Mass., October 19, 1871, aged 67 years.

Mr. L. was born in Fairfax (now Albion), Kennebec County, in 1804. Graduated Bowdoin College, 1829; Bangor Seminary, 1834. Ordained pastor at Oldtown Feb. 15, 1835. Dismissed June 11, 1839. Afterwards supplied the Austin Street Church, Cambridgeport, Mass. In later years he was connected with the Custom House in Boston, and gave much attention to politics. In his early life, and while in Maine, he was as earnest an advocate of Temperance and Anti-slavery as his brothers, Owen and the martyred Elijah P.; but during the latter part of his life he took the opposite side, and gained considerable notoriety by his opposition to the prohibitory law.

Rev. DAVID OLIPHANT, died in St. Lewis, Mo., October 26, 1871, aged 80 years.

His native place was Waterford, Saratoga County, New York, Nov. 9, 1791. Graduated at Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., 1809; Andover Seminary, 1813. Ordained, Keene, N. H., May 24, 1815. Ins. Third Ch. (now Dane St.) Beverly, Mass., Feb. 18, 1818; Dis. March, 1834. Ins. Second Ch. Wells, Me., Sept. 24, 1834; Dis. March 23, 1838. Supplied the pulpit in Plaistow, N. H., and North Haverhill, Mass., Sept., 1838, to Nov., 1852; left on account of enfeebled health, and resided in Andover, Mass. In 1868, went to reside with his son in St. Louis. (His wife died in Andover, Mass., Aug. 22, 1868, aged 75. (Ob. Cong. Quar., April, 1869.)

Rev. REUBEN KIMBALL, died in North Conway, N. H., Nov. 16, 1871, aged 70 yrs.

He was a native of Warner, N. H. A graduate of Gilmanton Theological Seminary. Supplied at Effingham, N. H., 1870. Ordained pastor of the church in Kittery, Me., January 27, 1841; Dismissed January 9, 1850. He was a member of the "Harmony Association," N. H.; and had been a resident of North Conway for some time.

The Union Association adopted a minute to his memory, which is published in Ch. Mir. January 30, 1872.

Rev. GEORGE WASHINGTON BOURNE, died in Woodbridge, N. J., April 23, 1872, of consumption, aged 59 years.

Mr. B. went from Wells to Gilmanton, N. H., in October, 1836; was ordained pastor of the church in Sanford, Feb. 6, 1840. (Sermon by Prof. Warner, of Theological Seminary, Gilmanton, N. H.) Dismissed Aug. 17, 1842. From thence went to Portland, and was stated supply in the Bethel church, in that city, from 1842 to 1847. Was afterwards pastor of the Bethel church, Boston, Mass.

Rev. BENJAMIN RUSSELL ALLEN died, suddenly, in Marblehead, Mass., June 2, 1872, aged 67 years.

Mr. R. was a graduate of Amherst College in 1842. He was pastor of the church in South Berwick from October 12, 1842, to Oct. 19, 1854. A man of marked ability, and characteristic originality, vitality, and earnestness. During his last days he suffered much from diseased organs, especially about the heart, which was considerably enlarged; but he had much energy, and preached until four weeks of his death. He was about availing himself of a vacation, proffered by his people. His last work was attending the funeral of an old parishioner, May 29, where it is supposed he took cold. On the Sabbath morning following, his brother, who was with him, heard a slight noise, he raised his head, and so passed as he expected, and hoped for,—the threshold, into eternal life.

Rev. JOHN DODGE, died in New Braintree, Mass., June 19, 1872, aged 60 years.

Mr. D. was born in Brooksville, Me., March 28, 1812. Educated at Bluehill Academy, Classical School, Bangor, and graduate of Bangor Theological Seminary in 1841. Ordained pastor of First Church, Waldoboro', June 2, 1842; remaining among them, "one of the most useful and most beloved of all the ministers who have preached at Waldoboro'," until Sept. 21, 1852; pastor in Harvard, Mass., May, 1854, to August, 1865; at Middlefield and Sharon, Mass., to July, 1867; at North Brookfield, Mass., from November, 1867; at New Braintree, he had recently come. "He had a fine, deep voice, an impressive presence,—a devoted Christian, and searching, solemn, and impressive as a preacher." (J. O. F.) Funeral services were held June 22. Sermon, by Rev. A. E. P. Perkins, D. D. Revs. G. H. Devoise, R. B. Ball, and W. G. Tuttle also took part in the services.

Rev. ROBERT CROSSETTE, died at his residence, College Hill, near Cincinnati, Ohio, June 24, 1872, aged 72 years.

Mr. C. was born in New Salem, Franklin Co., Mass., Dec. 19, 1799. Pursued his preparatory studies in Bennington, Vt. Graduated from Bangor Seminary in 1830. Ordained pastor at Dennysville, Nov. 3, 1830, remaining a diligent, faithful, and earnest minister among them for twelve years; his ministry being greatly blessed. Dismissed Oct. 6, 1842. Was pastor in Alstead, N. H., from 1843 to 1849; supplied the church in Goshen, Mass., 1849 to 1853; pastor in Pembroke, N. H., 1854 to 1856; in Ferromonte, N. J., teaching and preaching, to 1859; stated supply at Beesnerville, N. J., to 1865; at Salem, Pa., to 1868; from thence he removed to College Hill, near Cincinnati, Ohio, where he supplied, a portion of the time, the Presbyterian church. The discourse at his funeral (which is to be published) was from Acts 11: 24, "He was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith; and much people was added unto the Lord." The preacher said these words had been associated in his mind for some time, with Mr. Crossette, who seemed to be very much such a man as Barnabas in almost every respect.

Mrs. Crossette is the daughter of Rev. Jonathan Fisher, who was a prominent scholar and divine at Bluehill, from 1796 to 1837. Four daughters and a son reside in Cincinnati or vicinity. The oldest son, Rev. J. Fisher Crossette, graduated at Lane Seminary in 1869, and the following year went as a missionary to China, where he now is.

ACTING PASTORS.

Rev. THOMAS LIGHTBODY, died in Lamoille, Ill., July 15, 1871, aged 50 years.

Mr. L. was born in Glasgow, Scotland, April 17, 1821. Educated at Glasgow University, and Glasgow Theological Seminary, presided over by the late Rev. Ralph Wardlaw, D. D. Graduated at the latter, June, 1842. Preached in Scotland, chiefly at Campbellow, Argyleshire, where he was ordained May 13, 1846, remained until April, 1848; came to Canada, and preached in Brentford, C. W., five years; Sheffield, N. B., four years. At Waldoboro', Me., he supplied the First Church in 1857 and 1858. Afterwards in Churchville and Castile, New York; Sarnia, C. W.; New Baltimore and Chesterfield, Mich.; St. Charles and Millburn, Ill., where he was installed Oct. 17, 1867. "A faithful, sound, devoted preacher and pastor." He died from injuries received from being thrown from a carriage, a month previous.

Rev. FRANCIS NORWOOD, died in Beverly, Mass., Oct. 6, 1871, aged 74 years.

Mr. N. was a graduate of Dartmouth College, 1818; Andover Seminary, 1821. Ordained at Laconia, N. H., July 5, 1825; remaining until 1830; at Wilmington, Mass., from 1831 to 1843; S. S. at Windsor, Mass., 1844 to 1846; Washington, Mass., 1846 to 1851; West Granville, Mass., 1852 to 1855; Barkhamsted, Conn., 1855 to 1857; acting pastor at Phipsburg, Me., nine years, from 1858 to 1867; removed then to Beverly, Mass. In Sept., 1869, he was appointed chaplain of the Essex County Asylum, Ipswich, Mass., in place of Dr. Fitz, deceased.

At the funeral service, a sermon was preached by Rev. J. O. Fiske, of Bath; and Rev. J. J. Bell, S. S. at Phipsburg, preached a discourse commemorative of his life and labors among them. "He was distinguished for his love of the truth, for his consistent, unswerving, cheerful, bold advocacy of all the peculiarities of the doctrines of the cross. He loved to preach; and whether he received sufficient support, or not, would never intermit his chosen employment, while any strength remained. He was

very kind, wise, and industrious as a pastor, and eminently successful in drawing the young to Christ. His ministry was much blessed in the various places where he labored. He died in peace, in the full assurance of faith. (J. O. F.)

Rev. CHARLES M. BROWN, died at Deer Isle, October 29, 1871, aged 77 years.

Graduate from Bangor Seminary in 1826. Ordained at Lempster, N. H., July, 1829. From 1835 to 1837 he preached in the Bethel Church, at Portland; and from 1842 to 1850 supplied, more or less of the time, at Mt. Desert.

"He had some power as a preacher,—some genius in certain directions. He had some mental aberration, and his manner of life was peculiar; but on the subject of religion he was sane,—fervent in devotion, he would seem to take 'the kingdom of heaven by violence.' He was a Christian, though wild on some other points. Notwithstanding all his eccentricities, he was greatly esteemed by many among whom he dwelt. Mt. Desert had been his residence for many years, but he had a strong desire to go to Deer Isle where his father had lived, who was in former years their minister, and where he himself, as he said, 'had slept and prayed in more houses than any other man.' He had been failing all summer, though not confined to the house much of the time. His last sickness was dropsy of the bowels. He was not, apparently, a great sufferer; and he died, and was buried beside his father, as he had often desired. A large company attended his funeral. (H. S. L.—H. H.)

Rev. JOHN MILTON PUTNAM, died in Elyria, Ohio, August 18, 1871, aged 77 years.

Mr. P. was a resident with his son, Rev. George A. Putnam, Yarmouth, from 1861 to 1870, and preached occasionally, as his health would permit, during that time. He was born in Sutton, Mass., Feb. 26, 1784. He was pastor at Ashby, Mass., from 1820. Afterwards in Epsom, N. H., 1827; and Dunbarton, N. H., 1830. (N. H. Minutes, 1871, p. 47.)

Average age of the fifteen, seventy-two years.

as Post-Office address of Ministers will be found at the end of the Minutes. In donations, fractions of dollars are omitted.

EXPLANATIONS.—S. S., STATED SUPPLY. M. A., MINISTERIAL AGE, viz.—number of years in the ministry. P. A., PASTORAL AGE, viz.—number of years pastor of the church.

AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, Second Saturday and Sunday in June.—Organized in Houlton, January 22, 1846.—Semi-annual Meeting, third Saturday and Sunday in September.

CHURCHES.—1872, MAY 5.—MINISTERS.			CHURCH MEM., May 5, 1872.								Admitted.—1871.		Removed.		Baptized.			
Place and Name.	*Organized.*	*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Inst. or S.S.*	*M A*	*P. A*	*Mle*	*Fml*	*Tot*	*Abs*	*Prf*	*Let*	*Tot*	*Dth*	*Dis*	*Ex*	*Tot*	*Adl*	*Inf*	*S.Sch*	*Cont*
Burlington	1827, July 12	F. E. Emrick, s. s.	Licentiate.	.....	..	..	10	15	25	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	$27
Caribou	1869, July 18	Wm. T. Sleeper, s. s.	1864, Jun. 29	1871.	18	..	6	6	12	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	0
Carrol and Springfield	1846, Mar. 15	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	7	11	18	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fort Fairfield	1844, Oct. 8	Wm. T. Sleeper, s. s.	1864. Jun. 29	1872, Jan. 1	..	..	11	20	31	3	1	3	4	1	0	0	1	1	0	*75	0
Hodgdon and Linneus	1845, Sept. 25	Vacant.	no organizat'n	.....	..	..	6	8	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Houlton	1833, Jan. 24	Vacant.	No preach'g	.....	..	..	4	20	24	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	0
Island Falls	1850, Sept. 21	Jas. H. Chalmers, s. s.	Licentiate.	1872.	..	..	10	11	21	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	0
Lee	1863, July 10	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	6	14	20	7	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	50	0
Lincoln	1831, Aug. 3	Jas. H. Crosby, s. s.	Licentiate.	1871.	..	..	2	19	21	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	0
Passadumkeag	1845, March 1	B. F. Grant, s. s.	Licentiate.	1872.	..	..	2	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	58
Patten	1845, March 1	Jas. H. Chalmers.	Licentiate.	1872.	..	..	22	33	55	11	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	0
Presque Isle	1865, July 30	Daniel W. Hardy, s. s.	Licentiate.	1871.	..	..	6	10	16	2	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	64	3
Sherman	1861, May 29	Thos. E. Brastow, s. s.	1865, Oct. 11	1871, Nov. 1	7	..	35	52	87	8	9	0	9	1	0	0	1	6	0	125	7
Thirteen.		*7 Stated Supplies.*	*Av. Min'l & Past'l Age.*		12	0	127	224	351	61	10	3	13	5	6	0	11	7	0	659	$102

Average as Stated Supply, one year. * Union.

Rev. Andrew Wiren (Lutheran), New Sweden. Ordained

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Rev. Elbridge Knight, Maple Grove, ordained Sept. 13, 1843.

LICENTIATES.—Andrew L. Butner, Medway; Chas. E. Harrington, Greenbush and Olamon; John R. Chalmers supplied during the year at Passadumkeag.

No SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, on account of the weather, the condition of the roads, and the distance of journeying.

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING in Patten, June 8, 9, 1872. J. W. Caldwell, of Sherman, *Moderator*. Rev. Thomas E. Brastow, of Sherman, preached the Conference sermon. John 5:4, "Whatsoever is born of God, overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." Topics for remark,—Individual consecration; its worth to the church, to the minister, and to the Sabbath School.

Rev. WILLIAM T. SLEEPER removed in Nov. 1871, from Sherman to Caribou, to supply at Caribou and Fort Fairfield. He is appointed, by the Governor, School Agent in Madawaska Territory; edits the "North Star," at Caribou, which contains weekly a column in the Swedish language; the Swedish colony being seven miles distant. He proposes also to publish a column in French, for the benefit of the French and Arcadian settlements, 20 miles distant.

Rev. ANDREW WIREN, New Sweden, preaches to his countrymen, the Swedes, and has charge of the week-day and Sabbath School; acting also as business agent for the Shingle Company. He is aided in his missionary work by Me. Missionary Soc.

Rev. THOMAS E. BRASTOW, from Orland, came to Sherman in Dec., 1871, as S. S., and in March, 1872, received a call from the Washburn Memorial Church to remain with them, which he accepted. [Continued on page 32.]

CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, Tuesday, before second Wednesday in June.—Organized in Gorham, Dec. 24, 1822.—Semi-annual Meeting, Tuesday, before second Wednesday in January.

CHURCHES.—1872, May 5.—MINISTERS.						CHURCH MEM., May 5, 1872.—Admitted.—1871.—Removed.										Baptized.			
Place and Name.	*Organized.*	*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Inst. or S. S*	*M A*	*P A*	*Mls*	*Fml*	*Tot*	*Abs*	*Prf*	*LcL*	*Tot*	*Dth*	*Dis*	*Ex.*	*Tot*	*Adl*	*Inf*	*S.Sch*	*Contrib.*
Auburn	1820, Feb. 8	Anson Phelps Tinker.	p. elect.	1872.	..	..	92	195	287	44	3	12	15	7	4	0	11	0	0	300	$ 500
Auburn, West	1844, May 1	Vacant.			..	..	60	77	137	42	3	0	3	0	5	0	5	5	0	80	125
Baldwin	1821, May 16	Vacant.			..	..	2	11	13	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Brunswick	1747, June.	E. H. Byington, p. elect	1859, Feb. 23	1871.	13	1	61	184	245	78	3	11	14	4	10	0	14	2	2	236	1005
Cape Elizabeth	1734, Sept. 10	Edwin A. Harlow.	1863, Aug. 26	1871, Nov. 21	9	..	11	32	43	15	1	5	6	0	1	0	1	1	0	125	90
Cape Elizabeth, Welsh	1869, Mar. 14	Vacant.			..	..	12	27	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	60
Cumberland	1793, Sept. 15	G. B. Richardson.	1857, Jun 30	1871, Aug. 29	15	1	32	82	114	19	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	150
Durham	1796, Mar. 9	Jotham B. Sewall, s. s.	1855, Feb. 28	1871.	1	..	11	20	31	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	12
Falmouth, First	1754.	John C. Adams, s. s.	1851, Aug. 19	1859, Feb. 13	21	..	30	91	121	19	0	1	1	0	3	0	3	0	0	114	84
Falmouth, Second	1830, Sept. 15	William H. Haskell, s.s.	1863, Mar. 17	1869, Jan. 1	9	..	29	72	101	17	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	5	50	50
Freeport	1789, Dec. 21	John J. Bullfinch.	1860, May 23	1870, July 1	12	2	29	98	127	26	1	0	1	3	4	1	8	1	0	108	117
Freeport, South	1857, July 9	Horatio Ilsley, s. s.	1837, Oct. 26	1868, Ap. 18	35	..	30	76	108	30	0	1	1	2	2	1	5	0	0	70	230
Gorham	1750, April 4	Leonard Z. Ferris.	1865, Nov. 30	1872, Jun. 18	7	..	47	153	200	75	0	0	0	5	6	1	12	0	2	150	204
Gray	1803, Oct. 2	Ebenezer Bean.	1862, Mar. 25	1863, Jan. 1	10	9	24	56	80	19	2	2	4	1	0	0	1	1	4	75	62
Harpswell	1753.	Sup. by Bow. Col. Prof.			..	..	16	45	61	22	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	25	20
Lewiston, Pine st.	1854, Aug. 8	Francis F. Ford.	1857, Oct. 5	1871, Jun. 22	15	1	82	192	274	106	9	9	18	3	7	0	10	5	3	250	816
Mechanic Falls	1840, June 15	Richard C. Stanley, s. s.	Licentiate.	1871.	..	..	5	13	18	5	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	30	20
Minot Center	1791, Sept. 8	Joseph Smith, s. s.	1842, Nov. 10	1871, Oct. 15	30	..	58	93	151	65	10	0	10	2	1	0	3	5	0	60	119
Minot W. and Hebron	1802, Oct. 8	Vacant.			..	..	14	23	37	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	10
New Gloucester	1765, Jan. 16	Wellington R. Cross.	1865, Sept. 7	1865, Sept. 7	7	7	76	99	175	22	2	2	4	3	5	0	8	1	1	150	450
North Yarmouth	1806, Oct. 1	Vacant.			..	..	49	74	123	22	1	0	1	2	4	0	6	1	3	130	150
Poland	1825, Nov. 2	Vacant.			..	..	3	9	12	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	46	1
Portland. Second Parish	1787, Nov. 30	John J. Carruthers.	1819, Jun. 8	1846, Aug. 9	53	26	84	261	345	42	11	10	21	3	9	0	12	5	5	275	330
Portland. High street	1831, Sept. 9	William H. Fenn.	1859, Feb. 20	1866, July 25	13	6	99	283	382	80	20	15	35	10	8	0	18	9	2	337	5140
Portland. Fourth, Abyssinian	1835, Aug. 7	Vacant.			..	..	5	15	20	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	15
Portland. Bethel	1840, Sept. 24	Francis Southworth.	1857, Oct. 23	1866, Jun. 11	15	6	40	48	88	25	1	2	3	1	5	0	6	0	3	115	62
Portland. State street	1852, Mar. 17	Edward Young Hincks.	1870, Oct. 18	1870, Oct. 18	2	2	100	259	357	62	25	13	38	7	4	*2	13	11	4	409	4200
Portland. St. Lawrence st.	1858, Feb. 19	Abiel H. Wright.	1866, Nov. 1	1871, Feb. 19	6	1	91	48	139	26	5	14	19	0	6	0	6	3	0	250	55
Portland. W. Cong'l Church	1862, Sept. 17	George J. Pierce, s. s.	Licentiate.	1872, July 5	..	..	19	40	59	13	4	1	5	0	5	0	5	3	1	170	7
Portland. Plymouth	1869, Dec. 27	Moseley H. Williams.	1868, Mar. 26	1870, Nov. 29	4	2	77	185	262	25	16	7	23	11	21	0	32	3	8	290	831
Pownal	1811, Mar. 20				..	..	27	56	83	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	0
Scarborough	1728, June 26	Samuel H. Merrill, s. s.	1831, Feb. 22	1871, Aug. 1	41	1	24	37	61	12	2	1	3	3	0	0	3	1	1	65	77
Standish	1834, Feb. 5	Samuel Hopkins, s. s.	1831, Oct. 26	1866, May 1	41	..	3	43	46	17	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	35
Westbrook, First	1765, April 8	Vacant.			..	..	3	11	14	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	45
Westbrook, Second	1832, Jan. 17	Stephen L. Bowler, s. s.	1853, Jan. 5	1871, Sept. 1	19	..	38	69	107	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	175	105
Westbrook, Warren ch.	1869, Sept. 30	Jere'h E. Fullerton, s. s.	1870.		2	..	24	38	62	0	13	1	14	0	0	0	0	11	0	161	124
Windham	1743, Dec. 14	Luther Wiswall.	1837, Aug. 12	1854, Sept. 20	35	18	6	42	48	8	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	75	40
Yarmouth, First	1730, Nov. 18	Leavitt Bartlett.	1871, Sept. 14	1871, Sept. 14	1	..	49	140	189	15	2	5	7	8	4	0	12	0	0	202	600
Yarmouth Central	1859, April 27	Jacob J. Abbott.	1845, Aug. 27	1865, Oct. 19	27	7	19	47	66	17	0	0	0	5	6	0	11	0	0	70	201
Thirty-nine.		*16 Past., 11 S. S. = 27.*		*Av. Min'l & Past'l age.*	17	6	1481	3344	4825	1013	139	112	251	87	126	5	218	69	44	4928	$16,142

Average as Stated Supply, four years.

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NAMES.	ORDAINED.	RESIDENCE.	Ministerial age.
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SILAS BAKER	1831, Dec.	Standish	41
ALPHEUS S. PACKARD, Professor in Bowdoin College.	1850, May 16	Brunswick	22
JAMES M. PALMER	1854, May 22	Portland	18
GEORGE A. PERKINS, family school for boys	1854, May 24	Gorham	18
JOHN S. SEWALL, Professor in Bowdoin College	1859, Apr. 20	Brunswick	13
JOTHAM B. SEWALL, Professor in Bowdoin College	1855, Feb. 28	Brunswick	17
BENJAMIN P. SNOW	1870, May 10	Deering	2
RICHARD C. STANLEY, Professor in Bates College	Licentiate.	Lewiston	60
HENRY G. STORER	1850, Mar. 30	Oak Hill	22
JAMES B. THORNTON, JR.	1851, June 4	Scarboro'	21
EDWARD P. THWING, Professor in Gorham Seminary.	1858, Sep. 22	Portland	14
WILLIAM WARREN, District Secretary A. B. C. F. M.	1840, Feb. 13	Gorham	32

Average Ministerial age of the above, twenty years.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING held with the Cong. Ch., Brunswick, January 16, 17, 1872.

Rev. LUTHER WISWALL, of Windham, *Moderator*.—Sermon Tuesday evening:—Rev. Moseley H. Williams, of Plymouth Ch., Portland, Ephs. 4: 25-32. "Grieve not the Holy Spirit,"—by lying; anger: giving place to the devil; dishonesty; indolence; corrupt communication. Conference Sermon, Rev. Edward Y. Hincks, of State Street Ch., Portland, 1 John, 3: 2. "Now are we the Sons of God," &c. The Register. Rev. E. Bean, of Gray, gave a favorable account of the state of the churches generally. Topics discussed.—1. Household Baptism, its import, and the duties of parents and churches toward baptized children. A report on this subject was adopted, and by vote, a copy was directed to be sent to the State Conference, with a view of having the topic considered at its next annual meeting. 2. The Christian Church.—What is it? and how it grows? The Ordinance of the Supper was administered by Revs. William Warren, of Gorham, and Francis Southworth, of Bethel Ch., Portland. Reported Ch. M. January 23.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL MEETING held with the church in Cumberland Center, June 11, 12, 1872. Hon. Samuel P. Benson, of Brunswick, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, Rev. John J. Carruthers, of Second Ch., Portland, Gen. 19: 15-17. Lessons from the history of Lot. Conference Sermon, Rev. Leavitt Bartlett, Luke 10: 17.—"Unprofitable Servants." Topics for Remark.—1. Family Religion. 2. The need of vital religion, of prayer, knowledge, and obedience. 3. What is the proper observance of the Sabbath? 4. How shall we best reach the masses? Tuesday evening was devoted to the children. A printed report of some of the statistics of the churches was circulated, which in addition to the report of the Register, read by Rev. E. H. Byington, of Brunswick, gave a full and clear view of their history and condition for the year. The Sacrament of the Supper was administered by Rev. W. H. Haskell, of Falmouth, and E. P. Thwing, of Portland. Reported Ch. Mir., June 18, and Portland Press.

Rev. FRANCIS F. FORD, installed Pastor of Pine Street Church, Lewiston, June 22, 1871. (See Minutes, 1871, p. 36.)

Rev. GILBERT BRAINARD RICHARDSON (Amherst, 1853, Bangor, 1856), installed Pastor of the Church in Cumberland Center, August 29, 1871. Rev. Francis Southworth, of Bethel Church, Portland, *Moderator* of Council. Rev. Addison Blanchard, of So. Bridgton, *Scribe*. Sermon, 1 Tim. 1: 11, and address to the people, by Rev. Martin L. Richardson, of Sturbridge, Mass.,—a brother of Rev. G. B. R. Installing Prayer and Right-hand of Fellowship by the Moderator; Charge, by Rev. Leavitt Bartlett, of Yarmouth.

Rev. LEAVITT BARTLETT (Bangor, 1865), installed Pastor of the First Church, Yarmouth, Sept. 14, 1871. Rev. John J. Abbott, of Central Church, Yarmouth, *Moderator*; Rev. Edward P. Thwing, of Portland, *Scribe*. Revs. John J. Bulfinch, of Freeport, and Benjamin P. Snow, of North Yarmouth, conducted the opening devotional exercises. Sermon by Rev. George Lewis, late of Alfred, now S. S. at Jersey City. Psalms 119: 105,—The Bible, the light of mankind; Installing Prayer, Rev. Ezra H. Byington, of Brunswick; Charge, Rev. W. R. Cross, of New Gloucester; Right hand, by Moderator; Address to the people, Rev. M. H. Williams, of Portland; Closing Prayer, Rev. H. Ilsley, of South Freeport; Benediction, by Pastor. Mr. B. was five years in the practice of law. Since 1865, he has preached in Kansas City and Jersey City.

Rev. EDWIN ALPHONSO HARLOW (Bowdoin, 1860, Bangor, 1863), installed in North Meeting-house as Pastor of the North Church (Spurwink), and South (Village) Church, Cape Elizabeth, November 21, 1861. Rev. Moseley H. Williams, of the Plymouth Church, Portland, *Moderator*; Rev. Wm. F. Obear, of West Church, Portland, *Scribe*. Opening exercises, Rev. Joseph Kyte, of Alfred; Sermon, Rev. Edward Y. Hincks, of State Street Church, Portland, 1 Cor. 1: 23,—Christ

crucified; Installing Prayer, by Scribe; Charge to Pastor, by Moderator; Right hand, Rev. Abiel H. Wright, of St. Lawrence Street Church, Portland; Address to the people, Rev. Francis Southworth, of Bethel Church, Portland; Prayer, Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, of Westbrook; Benediction, by Pastor.

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CHURCHES.—*Auburn.*—Voted to have one service on the Sabbath, Sept. 1871:—Prof. Barbour, and Rev. S. P. Fay, of Bangor; Prof. John S. Sewall, of Brunswick, Rev. C. G. McCally, of Hallowell, Rev. Charles S. Perkins, are among those who have supplied the pulpit while without a Pastor. Mr. Alfred H. Hall, of Andover Seminary, supplies from June until the settlement of the pastor-elect in October. *West Auburn.*—Supplied for a time by members of the Theological department of Bates College, Oct., 1871. *Brunswick.*—It is proposed to provide for the annual expenses of the parish by voluntary subscription. July, 1871,—Rev. Geo. E. Adams, former Pastor, supplied the pulpit July 30. Aug. 6,—"Songs of the Sanctuary" are introduced in place of "Church Psalmody," which has been in use forty years. Dec. 18.—A new church manual has been published, containing 72 pages, with a list of 762 names of present and past members. Historical sketch by Professor Packard. It has had seven Pastors, with an average length of pastorate of twenty years. *Durham.*—Pulpit supplied by a Student from Bowdoin College, from Nov. 1871. *Falmouth, 2d.*—Rev. Wm. H. Haskell, acting Pastor, returned from a five months' voyage to Portugal, with improved health. *Gorham.*—The invested fund of the Parish reported at $31,000.—April, 1872. The ladies have newly fitted and furnished the parsonage. *Portland—Second Church.*—The twenty-fifth anniversary of Dr. Carruther's pastorate observed Aug. 9, 1871, by a social gathering. He preached a discourse with reference to it, on the Sabbath previous. Voted to continue to raise the Pastor's salary by subscription, and current expenses by Sabbath collections.—May, 1872. Organized a Parish Temperance Society, and held meetings, April, 1872. *High Street Church.*—Sabbath afternoon service to be discontinued April, 1872, until October.

Fourth Church, Abyssinian.—Its history sketched in Portland Transcript, Oct. 14, 1871. Levee and sale, Aug. 9, 10, 11, for the benefit of the church. Neighboring Ministers supplying, to aid them, April, 1872. *Bethel Church.*—The Pastor has put 73 Libraries on board vessels the past year, each Library containing 25 to 30 vols., also 500 packages of papers. These are all furnished by friends, including the cases. Appeals for aid in prosecuting the work. Officers of Portland Seamen's Friend Society:—Capt. Washington Ryan, *President;* Rev. Francis Southworth, *Secretary;* H. H. Burgess, *Treasurer;* John M. Gould and Joshua Maxwell, *Directors. State Street Church.*—Festival and fair held in aid of Williston Chapel, where services are held each Sabbath. *St. Lawrence Street Church.*—Rev. Samuel Morrison, their former Pastor, preached Aug. 6, 13, 1871. He has resided in Prescott, Wis., three years. *West Church.*—Rev. Geo. A. Tewksbury, of Plymouth, Mass., their former Pastor, gave a lecture in a course established to aid in support of the gospel among them.—Oct., 1871. Revs. D. A. Easton and T. E. Brastow supplied the pulpit in Jan. and Feb., 1872. *Plymouth Church.*—During most of the winter, meetings were held each evening in the week; at four of them a sermon was preached by some one of the pastors of the city. *Westbrook.*—The four churches held union prayer meetings for four weeks, with good results, March, 1872. *Windham.*—Have procured a new organ. *Yarmouth, First Church.*—Have paid off their debt of $13,500. Historical Sketch and Reminiscences, Portland Press, April 20, 1872.

Eight of the churches in the Conference have enjoyed seasons of religious quickening.

Meeting Houses.—*Auburn.*—Repaired and frescoed. *Brunswick.*—A timely discovery of a smouldering fire prevented a calamitous conflagration, March, 1872. Newly carpeted, gas introduced, and otherwise improved. *Cape Elizabeth, Second Church.*—Reopened July 30, 1871, after repairs. *Deering.*—Corner Stone laid Aug., 1871. Vestry completed and occupied Feb. 4, 1872. Edifice completed and dedicated April 14, 1872. Services,—Prayer, Rev. Francis Southworth, of Bethel Church, Portland; Anthem; Scriptures read, Rev. John B. Wheelwright, of South Paris; Dedicatory Prayer, Rev. Edward Y. Hincks, of State Street Church, Portland; Sermon, Rev. Professor Wm. M. Barbour, of Bangor Seminary,—Luke 4: 16; Prayer, Rev. A. H. Wright, of St. Lawrence Street Church, Portland; Hymn, Rev. M. H. Williams, of Plymouth Church, Portland; Benediction, Dr. Barbour. The ladies have raised nearly $1000 toward the building. The Deering heirs presented a church bell ($500), and N. W. R. Johnson, a Bible for the Pulpit ($40). A Parish was formed May, 1872, and the organization of a church will soon be effected. First sale of pews amounted to $4,500. Revs. Carruthers, Williams, Sewall, Needham, and others, have supplied the pulpit.—*Hebron.* The people have appropriated $2000 toward repairing and remodeling their house. A steeple is to be added. *Portland, Plymouth Church.*—Re-opened May 12, after being closed for a season for repairs. *St. Lawrence Street Church.*—Conferring about erecting a new house of worship. *Westbrook, First Church.*—Repaired by funds from the Ladies' Circle. *Saccarappa Church* have a new chapel. *New Gloucester* has a new vestry; cost $2,500, and paid for.

Cumberland County Sabbath School Convention at Little Falls, Gorham, Oct. 18, 19, 1871. Institute at North Yarmouth, Jan. 23, 24, 1872. Androscoggin S. S. Convention in Lewiston, May 8, 1872. Second Anniversary of Plymouth Church Sabbath School, held March 24, 1872. Fifty-fifth anniversary of Second Parish Sabbath School, May 12, 1862.

Two deacons chosen by Plymouth Church, Portland (Nathan Weston and E. P. Brooks), set apart to that office, with Prayer and Remarks by the Pastor, and the Right-hand of Fellowship, by Dea. James Crie.

Necrology.—Eben Steele, in Portland, Aug. 9, 1871, aged 69, abounding in good works. Ob. Portland papers, Aug. 10, 12.—Woodbury Davis, in Portland, Aug. 13, aged 53. An upright judge, and Christian man. Funeral service at Portland and Brooks,—at the latter place he was buried Aug. 15. Rev. R. K. Harlow, of Belfast, conducting the service. Ob. in Ch. Mir., and by T. W. in Cong., Nov. 16.—Dea. Joseph Libbey, Deacon of the Third and Plymouth Churches, in Portland, Aug. 27, aged 78; memorial service, Sept. 10, in Plymouth Church; discourse by Rev. M. H. Williams; pub. Portland Transcript, Sept. 16; Ob. Ch. Mir., Aug. 29, 1871; Cong. Quar., April, 1872, by J. H. W., p. 329–32.—Mrs. Charlotte, wife of Rev. Alpha Morton, West Auburn, Sept. 4, 1871, aged 61.—Dea. Wm. Oxnard, of State Street Church, in Portland, Sept. 18, aged 82.—Mrs. Mary B. Storer, widow of the late Dea. Woodbury Storer, 3d Church in Portland, Oct. 9, aged 80; Ob. Ch. Mir. Oct. 17.—Memorial adopted by State Street Church, Portland, in memory of their Deacons lately deceased, Nov., 1871.—Mrs. Martha Nason, widow of Rev. Reuben Nason (former Pastor in Freeport), in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, Dec. 1, 1871, aged 85.—The mother of Hon. N. Dingley (Mod. of General Conference), in Auburn, Dec. 2.—Henry Goddard, in Portland, Dec. 8, aged 86. He bequeathed about $7000 to various benevolent objects.—Mrs. Sarah M., widow of Nehemiah Cram, in Portland, Dec. 16, aged 78; Ob. Ch Mir., Jan. 2, 1872.—Mrs. Catherine, wife of Rev. James B. Thornton, jr., at Oak Hill, Scarboro', Jan. 2.—Rev. A. P. Lyman, D. D., who supplied State Street Church, Portland, for a season, after the resignation of Rev. G. L. Walker, died in Cleveland, O., Jan. 19.—Service in Plymouth Church, Portland, Feb., 1872, in memory of three members lost at sea; sermon by the Pastor.—Mrs. Emeline Thurlow, wife of Rev. John J. Bulfinch, Freeport, suddenly, March 28; Ob. Ch. Mir., April 9; discourse in memoriam, by Rev. H. Ilsley.—Ps. 116: 15.—Dea. O. Watson, of High Street Church, Auburn, April 28.—Mrs. Rebecca D. Deane, in Portland, May 12, aged 90; Ob. Ch. Mir. and Cong. May 30.—Mrs. Nancy Dicks, formerly of Portland (Dr. Payson's Church), in Boston, Mass., May 14, at 100 years and 7 months.—Memorial service in St. Lawrence Street Church, Portland, June, 1872, for Capt. A. Osgood and wife, lost at sea April, 1871. Discourse by Pastor.

Bible Societies.—Sixty-second anniversary of the Maine Bible Society,—operating chiefly in Cumberland County,—held in Portland, May 26, 1872. Reported Ch. Mir., June 4.—Colporteur employed to supply Portland and other towns, Nov., 1871.—Androscoggin Bible Society proposed to canvass Lewiston, Auburn, &c., Nov., 1871.

The eighteenth anniversary of the Portland Young Men's Christian Association held Nov., 1871. Several Sabbath Schools established, and preaching on the wharves and in the jail. The committee desire that young men coming to the city be introduced to them. Discourse before the Association by Rev. M. H. Williams, Sabbath evening, Dec. 31. Rev. F. F. Ford delivered an address before the Lewiston Young Men's Christian Association, April 23, 1872. Lyman A. Jordan, elected President of the Society.—G. W. Garcelon resigned.—Meeting of Auburn Young Men's Chris-

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Rev. BENJAMIN P. SNOW, S. S. at North Yarmouth, resigned April, 1872, removing to Deering to engage in editorial work at Portland.

CHURCHES.—*Auburn.*—Voted to have one service on the Sabbath, Sept. 1871:—Prof. Barbour, and Rev. S. P. Fay, of Bangor; Prof. John S. Sewall, of Brunswick, Rev. C. G. McCally, of Hallowell, Rev. Charles S. Perkins, are among those who have supplied the pulpit while without a Pastor. Mr. Alfred H. Hall, of Andover Seminary, supplies from June until the settlement of the pastor-elect in October. *West Auburn.*—Supplied for a time by members of the Theological department of Bates College, Oct., 1871. *Brunswick.*—It is proposed to provide for the annual expenses of the parish by voluntary subscription. July, 1871.—Rev. Geo. E. Adams, former Pastor, supplied the pulpit July 30. Aug. 6,—"Songs of the Sanctuary" are introduced in place of "Church Psalmody," which has been in use forty years. Dec. 18.—A new church manual has been published, containing 72 pages, with a list of 762 names of present and past members. Historical sketch by Professor Packard. It has had seven Pastors, with an average length of pastorate of twenty years. *Durham.*—Pulpit supplied by a Student from Bowdoin College, from Nov. 1871. *Falmouth, 2d.*—Rev. Wm. H. Haskell, acting Pastor, returned from a five months' voyage to Portugal, with improved health. *Gorham.*—The invested fund of the Parish reported at $21,000.—April, 1872. The ladies have newly fitted and furnished the parsonage. *Portland—Second Church.*—The twenty-fifth anniversary of Dr. Carruther's pastorate observed Aug. 9, 1871, by a social gathering. He preached a discourse with reference to it, on the Sabbath previous. Voted to continue to raise the Pastor's salary by subscription, and current expenses by Sabbath collections.—May, 1872. Organized a Parish Temperance Society, and held meetings, April, 1872. *High Street Church.*—Sabbath afternoon service to be discontinued April, 1872, until October.

Fourth Church, Abyssinian.—Its history sketched in Portland Transcript, Oct. 14, 1871. Levee and sale, Aug. 9, 10, 11, for the benefit of the church. Neighboring Ministers supplying, to aid them, April, 1872. *Bethel Church.*—The Pastor has put 73 Libraries on board vessels the past year, each Library containing 25 to 30 vols., also 500 packages of papers. These are all furnished by friends, including the cases. Appeals for aid in prosecuting the work. Officers of Portland Seamen's Friend Society:—Capt. Washington Ryan, *President;* Rev. Francis Southworth, *Secretary;* H. H. Burgess, *Treasurer;* John M. Gould and Joshua Maxwell, *Directors. State Street Church.*—Festival and fair held in aid of Williston Chapel, where services are held each Sabbath. *St. Lawrence Street Church.*—Rev. Samuel Morrison, their former Pastor, preached Aug. 6, 13, 1871. He has resided in Prescott, Wis., three years. *West Church.*—Rev. Geo. A. Tewksbury, of Plymouth, Mass., their former Pastor, gave a lecture in a course established to aid in support of the gospel among them.—Oct., 1871. Revs. D. A. Easton and T. E. Brastow supplied the pulpit in Jan. and Feb., 1872. *Plymouth Church.*—During most of the winter, meetings were held each evening in the week; at four of them a sermon was preached by some one of the pastors of the city. *Westbrook.*—The four churches held union prayer meetings for four weeks, with good results, March, 1872. *Windham.*—Have procured a new organ. *Yarmouth, First Church.*—Have paid off their debt of $13,500. Historical Sketch and Reminiscences, Portland Press, April 20, 1872.

Eight of the churches in the Conference have enjoyed seasons of religious quickening.

MEETING HOUSES.—*Auburn.*—Repaired and frescoed. *Brunswick.*—A timely discovery of a smouldering fire prevented a calamitous conflagration, March, 1872. Newly carpeted, gas introduced, and otherwise improved. *Cape Elizabeth, Second Church.*—Reopened July 30, 1871, after repairs. *Deering.*—Corner Stone laid Aug., 1871. Vestry completed and occupied Feb. 4, 1872. Edifice completed and dedicated April 14, 1872. Services,—Prayer, Rev. Francis Southworth, of Bethel Church, Portland; Anthem; Scriptures read, Rev. John B. Wheelwright, of South Paris; Dedicatory Prayer, Rev. Edward Y. Hincks, of State Street Church, Portland; Sermon, Rev. Professor Wm. M. Barbour, of Bangor Seminary,—Luke 4: 16; Prayer, Rev. A. H. Wright, of St. Lawrence Street Church, Portland; Hymn, Rev. M. H. Williams, of Plymouth Church, Portland; Benediction, Dr. Barbour. The ladies have raised nearly $1000 toward the building. The Deering heirs presented a church bell ($500), and N. W. R. Johnson, a Bible for the Pulpit ($40). A Parish was formed May, 1872, and the organization of a church will soon be effected. First sale of pews amounted to $4,500. Revs. Carruthers, Williams, Sewall, Needham, and others, have supplied the pulpit.—*Hebron.* The people have appropriated $2000 toward repairing and remodeling their house. A steeple is to be added. *Portland, Plymouth Church.*—Re-opened May 12, after being closed for a season for repairs. *St. Lawrence Street Church.*—Conferring about erecting a new house of worship. *Westbrook, First Church.*—Repaired by funds from the Ladies' Circle. *Saccarappa Church* have a new chapel. *New Gloucester* has a new vestry; cost $2,500, and paid for.

Cumberland County Sabbath School Convention at Little Falls, Gorham, Oct. 18, 19, 1871. Institute at North Yarmouth, Jan. 23, 24, 1872. Androscoggin S. S. Convention in Lewiston, May 8, 1872. Second Anniversary of Plymouth Church Sabbath School, held March 24, 1872. Fifty-fifth anniversary of Second Parish Sabbath School, May 12, 1862.

Two deacons chosen by Plymouth Church, Portland (Nathan Weston and E. P. Brooks), set apart to that office, with Prayer and Remarks by the Pastor, and the Right-hand of Fellowship, by Dea. James Crie.

NECROLOGY.—Eben Steele, in Portland, Aug. 9, 1871, aged 69, abounding in good works. Ob. Portland papers, Aug. 10, 12.—Woodbury Davis, in Portland, Aug. 13, aged 53. An upright judge, and Christian man. Funeral service at Portland and Brooks,—at the latter place he was buried Aug. 15. Rev. R. K. Harlow, of Belfast, conducting the service. Ob. in Ch. Mir., and by T. W. in Cong., Nov. 16.—Dea. Joseph Libbey, Deacon of the Third and Plymouth Churches, in Portland, Aug. 27, aged 78; memorial service, Sept. 10, in Plymouth Church; discourse by Rev. M. H. Williams; pub. Portland Transcript, Sept. 16; Ob. Ch. Mir., Aug. 29, 1871; Cong. Quar., April, 1872, by J. H. W., p. 329–32.—Mrs. Charlotte, wife of Rev. Alpha Morton, West Auburn, Sept. 4, 1871, aged 61.—Dea. Wm. Oxnard, of State Street Church, in Portland, Sept. 18, aged 82.—Mrs. Mary B. Storer, widow of the late Dea. Woodbury Storer, 3d Church in Portland, Oct. 9, aged 80; Ob. Ch. Mir. Oct. 17.—Memorial adopted by State Street Church, Portland, in memory of their Deacons lately deceased, Nov., 1871.—Mrs. Martha Nason, widow of Rev. Reuben Nason (former Pastor in Freeport), in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, Dec. 1, 1871, aged 85.—The mother of Hon. N. Dingley (Mod. of General Conference), in Auburn, Dec. 2.—Henry Goddard, in Portland, Dec. 8, aged 86. He bequeathed about $7000 to various benevolent objects.—Mrs. Sarah M., widow of Nehemiah Cram, in Portland, Dec. 16, aged 78; Ob. Ch Mir., Jan. 2, 1872.—Mrs. Catherine, wife of Rev. James B. Thornton, jr., at Oak Hill, Scarboro', Jan. 2.—Rev. A. P. Lyman, D. D., who supplied State Street Church, Portland, for a season, after the resignation of Rev. G. L. Walker, died in Cleveland, O., Jan. 19.—Service in Plymouth Church, Portland, Feb., 1872, in memory of three members lost at sea; sermon by the Pastor.—Mrs. Emeline Thurlow, wife of Rev. John J. Bulfinch, Freeport, suddenly, March 28; Ob. Ch. Mir., April 9; discourse in memoriam, by Rev. H. Ilsley.—Ps. 116: 35.—Dea. O. Watson, of High Street Church, Auburn, April 28.—Mrs. Rebecca D. Deane, in Portland, May 12, aged 90; Ob. Ch. Mir. and Cong. May 30.—Mrs. Nancy Dicks, formerly of Portland (Dr. Payson's Church), in Boston, Mass., May 14, at 100 years and 7 months.—Memorial service in St. Lawrence Street Church, Portland, June, 1872, for Capt. A. Osgood and wife, lost at sea April, 1871. Discourse by Pastor.

BIBLE SOCIETIES.—Sixty-second anniversary of the Maine Bible Society,—operating chiefly in Cumberland County,—held in Portland, May 26, 1872. Reported Ch. Mir., June 4.—Colporteur employed to supply Portland and other towns, Nov., 1871.—Androscoggin Bible Society proposed to canvass Lewiston, Auburn, &c., Nov., 1871.

The eighteenth anniversary of the Portland Young Men's Christian Association held Nov., 1871. Several Sabbath Schools established, and preaching on the wharves and in the jail. The committee desire that young men coming to the city be introduced to them. Discourse before the Association by Rev. M. H. Williams, Sabbath evening, Dec. 31. Rev. F. F. Ford delivered an address before the Lewiston Young Men's Christian Association, April 23, 1872. Lyman A. Jordan, elected President of the Society.—G. W. Garcelon resigned.—Meeting of Auburn Young Men's Chris-

tian Association, Jan. 11, 1872.—Series of Discourses to young men delivered in Brunswick, May, 1872.

Annual Sermon before Young Woman's Christian Association, Sabbath evening, Dec. 17, 1871, in State Street Church, Portland, by Rev. Edward Y. Hincks.

Cumberland County Temperance Society met at West Cumberland, in December, 1871, and in Gorham, February, 1872.—A new impetus given to the cause, by the formation of Temperance Reform Clubs, somewhat after the old Washingtonian movement. Meetings have been held in Portland, Lewiston, Auburn, and other towns in the county, which have been largely attended, and many have signed the pledge.

The Annual Report of the Woman's Board of Missions, Portland, is published. Rev. Josiah Tyler, Missionary from Africa, and son of Rev. Bennett Tyler, D. D., once Pastor of Second Church, Portland, delivered an address at one of their sessions. He also addressed several churches and Sabbath Schools in the County.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Auburn, E. F. Packard; Auburn West, Rev. A. Morton; Baldwin, T. D. Richardson, a. c.; Brunswick, John Furbish; Cape Elizabeth, first ch., Dea. T. G. Prince; Cape Elizabeth, Welsh Ligonia ch., John Perkins; Cumberland, Reuben Rideout; Durham, W. S. Michels; Falmouth, first, Rev. J. C. Adams; Falmouth, second, F. F. Hall; Freeport, Rev. J. J. Bulfinch; Freeport, South, Charles Bliss; Gorham, L. Z. Ferris; Gray, David B. Cummings; Harpswell, S. H. Stover; Lewiston, Pine st. ch., Charles A. Davenport; Mechanic Falls, J. M. Eveleth; Minot Center, S. N. Shaw; Minot and West Hebron, Wm. Lowell; New Gloucester, Rev. W. R. Cross; North Yarmouth, N. W. F. Sweetsir; Poland, Geo. Waterhouse; Portland, second ch., D. O. Perry; High st. ch., Daniel Evans; Third ch., Edward H. Tobey; Fourth ch., Henry A. Murray; Bethel ch., C. J. Morris; State st. ch., Rufus H. Hinckley; St. Lawrence st. ch., Dea. E. F. Waite; West Cong'l ch., Jason H. Shaw; Plymouth ch., Rufus D. Bean; Pownal, Azor Mitchell; Scarboro', Dea. George W. Libby, Oak Hill; Standish, Silas Baker; Westbrook, first ch., Daniel Chaney; Westbrook, second ch., Harlan P. Murch; Westbrook, Warren ch., Cumberland Mills, S. A. Cordwall; Windham, Rev. Luther Wiswall; Yarmouth, first ch., J. Noyes; Yarmouth, Central ch., Rev. J. J. Abbott.

Rev. William H. Haskell, of West Falmouth, *Scribe of Conference;* Rev. Ebenezer Bean, of Gray, *Register;* Dea. Samuel W. Larrabee, of Portland, *Treasurer.*

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION formed in Westbrook, May 28, 1788. Annual meeting, second Tuesday of February; other meetings, on the second Tuesday of May, August, and November. Rev. Ebenezer Bean, of Gray, *Scribe.* Met Aug. 11, 1871, in Freeport; Nov. 14, 15, in Auburn. Sermon in public by Rev. E. H. Byington, of Brunswick; Feb. 13, 1872, with Dr. Carruthers, second ch., Portland. The ministers of Portland held a meeting each Monday morning during most of the year, for consultation and discussion.

AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE.—Continued from page 27.

Rev. HIRAM HOUSTON, of Deer Isle, spent four weeks in Oct., 1871, and Rev. CHARLES L. GUILD, of Perry, a few weeks in March, 1872, with the churches in Patten and Island Falls.

Rev. JOHN E. M. WRIGHT, formerly of Burlington, installed Pastor in Upton, Mass., Nov. 15, 1871. Charge to Pastor was by Rev. A. J. Bates, formerly of Lincoln.

Rev. CHARLES EMERSON, formerly of Lee, has removed to Creighton, L'Eau-qui-Court County, Nebraska, where he has a commission from the American Home Missionary Society, to labor as a Missionary.

The church in Sherman received nineteen to its membership in 1871. It has purchased the interest Rev. W. T. Sleeper had in the parsonage, and the remaining $300 will be taken, and they have a free title to the church edifice and parsonage, worth $6000.

The Sabbath School in Caribou have received from the First ch., Stoughton, Mass., 125 Vols. of S. S. BOOKS, and 100 Question Books; and the congregation, 100 Hymn Books (Temple Melodies). Hon. Wm. Irish, Senator from Aroostook Co., has been Superintendent of the Sabbath School five years.

The Meeting-house in Lincoln has been repaired and newly painted.

Daniel Rogers died in Dalton, Jan. 17, 1872, aged 60. Once a Teacher in Patten; afterwards an influential merchant in Ashland and Dalton; a generous supporter of every benevolent cause. Ob. North Star, Jan. 24; Patten Voice, Jan. 26.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Burlington, Theodore Taylor; Caribou, John Henry; Carroll and Springfield, Dea. Hiram Stevens, Carroll; Fort Fairfield, Dea. Hiram Stevens; Hodgdon and Linneus, : Houlton, Mrs. Geo. B. Page; Island Falls, Albion Merriman; Lee, C. J. House; Lincoln, T. Fuller; Passadumkeag, E. G. Haynes; Patten, Dr. Luther Rogers; Presque Isle, C. F. A. Johnson; Sherman, P. M. Caldwell.

Rev. WILLIAM T. SLEEPER, of Caribou, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.*

MATTANAWCOOK ASSOCIATION, formed in Enfield, December 15, 1851, meets the day preceding the annual and semi-annual meeting of Conference.

[illegible] Tuesday previous to second Wednesday in June.—Organized in Strong, January 15, 1839.

CHURCHES.——1872, May 5.——MINISTERS. CHURCH MEM., May 5, 1872. Admitted—1871—Removed. Baptized.

Place and Name.	*Organized.*	*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Inst. or S.S.*	*M A*	*P A*	*Mle*	*Fml*	*Tot*	*Abs*	*Prf*	*Let.*	*Tot*	*Dth*	*Dis*	*Ex*	*Tot*	*Adl*	*Inf*	*S. Sch*	*Cont.*
rmington	1814, Dec. 14	George N. Marden.	1862, Oct. 2	1871, Oct. 24	10	1	68	149	217	20	9	5	14	2	6	0	8	2	3	300	$418
armington Falls	1859, March 3	J. Lewis Merrill, s. s.	Licentiate.	1871.	..	..	3	9	12	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*100	0
Industry	1808, July 4	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	22	18	40	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	1
New Sharon	1801, Feb. 11	Horace Toothaker.	1861, Sept. 5	1864, Oct. 19	11	8	41	74	115	27	1	1	2	0	29	0	†29	0	0	100	†208
New Vineyard	1828, Sept. 3	(1) Geo. C. Lamb, s. s.	Licentiate.	1871.	..	..	8	10	18	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	8
Phillips	1822, Oct. 9	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	11	14	25	16	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	23
Strong	1810, March 3	Jonas Burnham, s. s.	1858, July 28	1872, Apl. 14	14	..	40	50	90	37	0	0	0	5	1	0	6	0	0	120	60
Temple	1805, Sept. 19	Simeon Hackett, s. s.	1839, July 7	1851, June 1	42	..	18	44	62	20	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	60	20
Weld	1809, Aug. 17	Daniel D.Tappan, s. s.	1826, Nov.14	1871. Dec.17	46	..	23	28	51	9	4	1	5	1	4	0	5	0	1	75	33
Wilton	1818, Feb. 19	William H. Beard, s. s.	1867, Nov.20	1872, Apl. 14	5	..	40	49	89	34	0	3	3	6	1	0	7	0	2	76	50
Ten.		*2 Past., 6 S. S.=8.*	*Av. Min'l & Past'l Age.*		21	5	274	445	719	184	14	10	24	17	43	0	60	2	6	926	$821

Average as Stated Supply, six years. (1) Aaron W. Benson, *Licentiate*, 1872. * Union School. † Of these 29, 28 have just been dismissed from the records. They were removed from the church years ago, by death, etc., and not before reported. ‡ Of which $100 was for Sabbath School Library.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.—Rev. Stephen Titcomb, Farmington, ordained June 6, 1855. Rev. J. Loring Pratt, Strong, ordained Nov. 7, 1867.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING in Strong, June 11, 12, 1872. Albion Dyer, Esq., of Strong, *Moderator*. Opening sermon, Rev. Daniel D. Tappan, of Weld, 1 Cor. 16: 13, "Quit you like men." Conference sermon, Rev. Geo. N. Marden, of Farmington, Luke 19: 20. Theme,—"The unused power in the Christian church." Topics discussed,—1. The crowning excellences of the Bible as a book for study and methods of studying it. 2. The connection between work in the Sabbath School, and home study of the Bible. 3. The hopefulness of working for the conversion of the young. 4. Reading that will help in the training of the young. 5. Ought the churches in this conference to employ a missionary who shall give his whole time to the care of the smaller churches, and the waste places. 6. The formation of Temperance Societies in Sabbath Schools. 7. Attendance of men upon stated prayer-meetings, and the duty and privilege of women in the prayer-meeting. 7. The meaning of entire consecration to Christ.

A Sabbath School meeting was held on Tuesday evening.

Annual report of the churches presented,—it suggested forcibly that each church should look after absent members. The church in Farmington has supported a teacher among the freedmen, Miss Mary C. Day, of Nashville, Tenn. Several of the churches have been weakened by emigration and by deaths; and they ask the sympathies and prayers of fellow disciples. The Lord's Supper was administered by Revs. S. Hackett, of Temple, and D. D. Tappan, of Weld.

Rev. GEORGE NATHANIEL MARDEN (Bangor Seminary, 1862) installed pastor of Congregational Church, Farmington, Oct. 24, 1871. Rev. Benj. Tappan, of Norridgewock, *Moderator of Council*; Rev. John D. Emerson, of Biddeford, *Scribe*. Introductory services, Rev. Jonas Burnham, of Farmington. Sermon, Rev. George W. Field, of Bangor, 2 Tim. 4: 2, "Preach the word." Installing Prayer, Rev. Isaac Rogers, of Farmington (former pastor); Charge, by the Scribe; Right-hand, Rev. H. Toothaker, of New Sharon; Address to People, Rev. Geo. Harris, Jr., of Auburn; Prayer, by Moderator.

CHURCHES.—*Farmington.*—The Sabbath morning Bible service, adopted in 1870, consisting of prayer, song, responsive readings, the study of a uniform portion of the Bible, and a brief unwritten sermon, summing up and applying the main points of the lesson, has commended itself. There has been some religious interest and several conversions among the young. At the Bible service, May 5, a Congregational Temperance Society was formed. The pledge has received over one hundred signatures. Temperance concerts to be held several times a year, with addresses, &c. The church proposing to build a parsonage. The pastor preached the annual sermon to the graduating class at the Normal School in Farmington. Rev. R. B. Howard, their former pastor, visited the place, and preached Nov. 19, 1871. The death of Rev. Isaac Rogers is referred to on p. 21. *New Sharon.*—The pastor resigned Aug. 1, 1871, on account of his health; but at the request of the church, withdrew it. *Phillips.*—An association formed, embracing Christians of different denominations, who believe in a supernatural change of heart, and have experienced such a change. It is designed to promote the moral and intellectual improvement of the people. *Strong.*—Rev. Geo. L. Nims supplied the pulpit from Nov., 1871, to March, 1872. Rev. Jonas Burnham is engaged as acting pastor for the coming year. The Sabbath School is quite fully attended. *Temple.*—Rev. S. Hackett says there are not more than eight or ten of his Sabbath congregation who are not members of the Sabbath School. One little girl, not seven years of age, and her great-grandmother, more than seventy-eight years old, are both punctual in their attendance.

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HANCOCK CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, Second Tuesday in June.—Organized in Bucksport, May 10, 1825.—Semi-annual Meeting in October.

CHURCHES.—1872, May 5.—MINISTERS. CHURCH MEM., May 5, 1872. Admitted—1871—Removed. Baptized.

Place and Name.	*Organized.*	*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Inst. or S.S.*	*M A*	*P A*	*Male*	*Fml*	*Tot*	*Abs*	*Prf*	*Let.*	*Tot*	*Dth*	*Dis*	*Ex.*	*Tot*	*Adl*	*Inf.*	*S. Sch*	*Cont.*
Amherst and Aurora....	1830, Sept. 14	Henry S. Loring, s. s.	1850, June 20	1867, Nov. 24	22	..	7	15	22	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	100	$ 95
Bluehill.....	1772, Oct. 7	Philo B. Wilcox, s. s.	1851, May 14	1871, Mar. 17	21	..	35	70	105	25	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	70	28
Brooksville, West.....	1826, Jan. 4	H. H. Hutchinson, s. s.	1869, Aug. 31	1871, June 1	3	..	39	55	94	8	4	0	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	100	17
Bucksport.....	1803, May 12	William Forsyth.	1870, Sept. 15	1870, Sept. 15	2	2	29	89	118	23	9	1	10	4	2	0	6	0	0	160	1825
Castine.....	1824, July 27	Alfred E. Ives.	1838, Sept. 25	1855, June 20	34	17	18	72	90	13	1	0	1	1	2	0	3	0	0	125	325
Deer Isle, First.....	1773, Aug. 1	Hiram Houston, s. s.	1850, Sept. 25	1868, Apl. 5	22	..	60	115	175	20	0	0	0	6	0	0	6	0	1	100	50
Deer Isle, Second.....	1858, Dec. 1	Henry B. Hart.	1869, Dec. 21	1869, Dec. 21	3	3	18	24	42	1	2	0	2	3	1	0	4	2	3	45	19
Ellsworth.....	1812, Sept. 8	Sewall Tenney.	1831, Aug. 10	1835 Nov. 11	41	37	25	89	114	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	135	175
Isle au Haut.....	1857, May 7	Joshua Eaton, s. s.	1841, Dec. 1	1872.	31	..	1	13	14	5	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	25	0
Orland.....	1850, Sept. 25	Thomas M. Davies, s. s.	Licentiate.	1872.	..	..	15	54	69	12	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	2	0	245	233
Sedgwick & Brooksville.	1793, July 8	Daniel Staver, s. s.	Licentiate.	1872.	..	..	13	20	33	6	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	0
Sedgwick Village.....	1847, Oct. 28	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	7	11	18	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tremont and Mt. Desert.	1722, Oct. 17	(1) H. S. Perkins, s. s.	Licentiate.	1871.	..	..	34	78	112	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	60
Thirteen.		*4 Past., 8 S. S.=12.*	*Av. Min'l & Past'l Age,*		20	15	301	705	1006	183	22	2	24	18	8	0	26	4	5	1240	$2827

Average as stated supply, two years. (1) H. S. P.,—S. W. Harbor, Tremont. William M. Salter, *Licentiate*, Mt. Desert, 1872. Rev. A. Plumer, s. s., Tremont, 1871-2.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Rev. Alfred L. Skinner (P. M.), Bucksport, ordained January 27, 1864.

LICENTIATE.—John N. McLoney, S. S., Trenton Narrows, 1872.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING with the church in West Brooksville, Oct. 24, 25, 1871. Opening sermon, Rev. Philo B. Wilcox, of Bluehill, 1 Kings 19:14, "I, even I only, am left." Conference sermon, Rev. Henry S. Loring, of Amherst, Matt. 20:26, 27, 28. Theme—Christian serving,—its elements, ways, duties, and privileges. Subjects discussed,—1. Is a deeper work of grace needed in our churches. 2. The prayer-meeting,—its bearing on the piety and spiritual growth of the church; the duty of every church-member in reference to it. 3. Christian beneficence. Tuesday evening,—a Sabbath School service; discussed,—1. Who should attend. 2. The qualification of teachers. 3. The concert. Lord's Supper, administered by Revs. Sewall Tenney, of Ellsworth, and P. B. Wilcox, of Bluehill.

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING with the church in Bluehill, June 11, 12, 1872. Rev. Sewall Tenney, of Ellsworth, *Moderator*. Opening sermon, by Rev. Henry S. Loring, of Amherst, Matt. 25:19, "After a long time, the Lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them." Tuesday evening, sermon by Rev. Wm. Forsyth, of Bucksport, John 4:36, "That both he that soweth, and he that reapeth, may rejoice together." Conference sermon, by the Moderator, Phil. 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Topics for remarks,—RELIGION, as respects the obligation to glorify God by a holy life; 2. as respects the duty of the church to those out of Christ; 3. as respects benevolence to the poor, and to the spiritually destitute at home and abroad; 4. as respects the instruction of the young at home, and in the Sabbath School; 5. as to the most hopeful methods of promoting it in the Sabbath School; 6. as respects its temporal benefits to the community; 7. as respects its claims upon the pecuniary resources of a community; 8. as respects the consolation it affords. "It was pleasant to have the presence of Revs. L. S. Tripp, and Guilford, Baptist brethren; and also that of Rev. S. Bowker, so long a member of Conference, but now of Raymond, N. H., and to have them share in the exercises." Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, Revs. S. Bowker and A. E. Ives.

CHURCHES.—*Bluehill.* Some Religious interest during the year. It is proposed to paint and improve the church edifice. A levee and entertainment held to aid in it. *Castine.*—Dea. Samuel Adams has been superintendent of the Sabbath School nearly thirty years. The Normal School, at this place, instituted a course of lectures in the spring. Prof. Taylor, of Bowdoin College, also gave a course of lectures on Elocution. *Mt. Desert and Tremont.*—Rev. Alexander Plumer, of Athens, labored for a time here; and subsequently H. M. Perkins, of the senior class, Hartford, Conn., and son of Rev. Dr. Justin Perkins (Missionary).

Rev. Henry Blodgett (of the Bucksport church), Miss. in China, received from Amherst College, July, 1872, the honrary degree of D.D. He has just finished seven years of labor in revising the translation of the Acts into Chinese language. Rev. Henry K. Craig, a former pastor of the church in Bucksport, installed pastor at Norton, Mass., October 24, 1871. Rev. Irem W. Smith, S. S. in West Brooksville and Sedgwick, 1856-8, called to Otis, Ohio.

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CHURCHES.—1872, May 5.—MINISTERS. CHURCH MEM., May 5, 1872. Admitted.—1871.—Removed. Baptized.

Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Inst. or S. S.	M. A.	P. A.	Male	Fmal	Tot	Abs	Prf.	Let.	Tot	Dth.	Dis.	Ex.	Tot	Adl	Inf.	S. Sch.	Cont.
gusta	1794, Oct. 7	James H. Ecob.	Pastor elect	1872.	..	..	76	229	305	75	3	1	4	5	6	0	11	0	0	175	$1389
ston	1858, July 16	F. T. Bailey. c. s.	Licentiate.	occ. supply.	..	..	5	22	27	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	0
nton	1868, July 15	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	2	5	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
rdiner	1835, July 28	Austin L. Park.	1864, Feb. 2	1864, Feb. 2	8	8	34	107	141	25	0	3	3	4	1	0	5	0	0	100	231
llowell	1791, Mar. 15	Charles G. McCully.	1869, July 17	1867, Oct. 15	12	5	35	122	157	20	3	6	9	3	5	0	8	1	4	193	800
chfield	1811, June 6	Josiah T. Hawes, s. s.	1828, Jan. 23	1865, July 1	44	..	28	38	66	22	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	65	20
Monmouth	1853, May 17	(1) Sup. by Prof. Stanley	and Rev. B.	Tappan.	..	..	13	23	36	11	0	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	65	20
Pittston	1812, Nov. 17	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	5	18	23	9	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0	60	10
Richmond	1827, Feb. 8	Wm. C. Curtis, s. s.	1863, Sept. 1	1868, Ap. 19	9	..	8	30	38	7	1	0	1	1	2	0	3	1	0	35	20
Sidney	1829, Feb. 25	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	5	8	13	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Vassalboro	1818, July 28	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	4	31	35	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	10
Waterville	1828, Aug. 21	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	38	91	129	54	3	0	3	3	3	0	6	1	2	100	40
Windsor	1820, Aug.	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	3	7	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Winslow	1828, Aug. 27	John Dinsmore, s. s.	1872, Nov. 18	1862, Jun. 10	20	..	18	73	91	25	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	175	128
Winthrop	1776, Sept. 4	Albion H. Johnson, s. s.	1865, Oct. 31	1872, May 1	14	..	56	113	169	35	2	1	3	5	1	0	6	2	2	160	72
Fifteen.		*2 Past., 4 S. S. =6.*	*Av. Min'l & Past'l age.*		18	6	330	917	1247	310	14	13	27	28	21	0	49	6	9	1279	$2,772

Average as Stated Supply, seven years. (1) Truman D. Childs, *Lic.*, Monmouth, 1872.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Rev. Thomas Adams, Winslow, ordained 1818, August 26. Rev. Henry F. Harding, Hallowell, ordained 1855, Oct. 17.

Rev. Geo. W. Barber, Chap. National Military Asylum, Augusta, *Lic.*, Dec. 6, 1868.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, at Waterville, Oct. 24, 25, 1871. Bro. J. B. Bradbury, of Waterville, *Moderator*; Rev. Edward P. Baker, of Winthrop, *Scribe*. Sermons by Rev. Prof. William M. Barbour, of Bangor Seminary, Matt. 2:1-12; and Rev. Chas. G. McCully, of Hallowell, Gal. 2:20. Topics discussed,—1. The higher Christian life. 2. Religion in business. 3. Duty of church members to their own denomination. A promise and a praise-meeting gave freshness and variety to the exercises. Administration of the Lord's Supper, by Revs. Thomas Adams, of Winslow, and Josiah T. Hawes, of Litchfield.

FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING, at Winthrop, June 11, 12, 1872. Rev. Albion H. Johnson, of Winthrop, *Moderator*; Rev. Charles G. McCully, of Hallowell, *Scribe*. Conference sermon, by Rev. George W. Field, of Bangor, 2 Eph. 3:19. Theme for discussion,—1. Infant baptism. 2. Systematic work of churches. 3. Sustaining weak churches. Report of the churches, by Rev. A. H. Johnson, of Winthrop. An essay on the relation of the church to education was read by Rev. H. F. Harding, of Hallowell, which by vote of Conference was published in Ch. Mir., June 18. Administration of the Lord's Supper closed the session; administered by Revs. Henry F. Harding, of Hallowell, and Josiah T. Hawes, of Winthrop.

Augusta.—James Henry Ecob, of Sidney Plains, N. Y., graduate of Hamilton College, 1869, Andover, 1872, is pastor elect, and will be ordained in October; while without a pastor, the pulpit has been supplied much of the time by the Professors in Bangor and Brunswick. The church and society have paid nearly $8,000 for the extinguishment of its debt. *Gardiner.*—Adopted "Songs for the Sanctuary," for use in public worship, in place of Church Psalmody and Watts. The pastor makes a trip to Europe, in company with Rev. G. E. Street, formerly of Wiscasset, expecting to be absent a year or more. *Hallowell.*—The pastor has returned from the Sandwich Islands. "Songs of the Sanctuary" adopted as a hymn and tune book. This church in connection with other Evangelical churches, maintained during the winter a service Sabbath evenings, in the City hall, the pastors presiding alternately. The late Mary Cleaves bequeathed $3,000 each to Bangor Seminary, Maine Missionary Society, Bowdoin College, and the Am. Bd. C. F. M., Sept., 1871. Through her liberality, the church has acquired a commodious parsonage. The Sabbath school has been, for 44 years, under the superintendence of Dea. Simon Page. *Waterville.*—Union prayer-meetings held during February, 1872, each evening. Calvin G. Hill closed his labors here, April, 1872. *Winslow.*—Religious interest prevailed Nov., 1871. Rev. Thomas Adams had a pleasant gathering of friends, at his house, with gifts, on his eightieth birthday, Feb., 1872. He received from Dartmouth College, at its commencement in June, the honorary degree of D. D. *Winthrop.*—The church observed their annual festival, March 14, 1872, affording an opportunity for the past and present members, resident and non-resident, to meet for social intercourse. An entertainment was provided, followed by speeches and music. The acting pastor, Rev. Edward P. Baker, resigned his charge in May, 1872, on account of ill-health, and went to Antioch, California, having charge of the church there. Rev. Albion H. Johnson, of California, formerly of Limington, Me., supplies his place.

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LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, Tuesday before second Wednesday in June. Organized in Alna, June 8, 1825.

Churches.—1872, May 5.—Ministers.						Church Mem., May 5, 1872.						Admitted.—1871.—Removed.						Baptized.			
Place and Name.	*Organized.*	*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Inst. or S.S.*	*M. A.*	*P. A.*	*Mle*	*Fml*	*Tot*	*Abs*	*Prf*	*Let.*	*Tot*	*Dth*	*Dis*	*Ex.*	*Tot*	*Adl*	*Inf*	*S. Sch*	*Cont.*
Alna	1796, Sept. 27	John Haskell, s. s.	1850, Dec. 25	1872, May 26	..	..	10	44	54	15	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	50	$ 16
Bath, Winter Street	1795, Dec. 8	John O. Fiske.	1843, Aug. 17	1843, Aug. 17	29	20	101	248	349	52	1	4	5	3	5	1	9	1	4	324	1861
Bath, Central	1835, July 8	William Hart.	1861.	1870, Nov. 2	11	1	48	131	179	42	0	0	0	6	0	0	6	0	0	125	470
Boothbay, First	1776, Sept. 20	(1) A. J. Smith, s. s. ½	1866, Nov. 7	1868, Aug.	6	..	10	23	33	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	30	20
Boothbay, Second	1848, Aug. 1	(1) A. J. Smith, s. s. ½	1866, Nov. 7	1868, Aug.	..	..	16	29	45	14	3	1	4	3	1	0	4	0	3	73	60
Bremen	1829, March 3	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	3	10	13	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bristol	1796, Aug. 17	Wm. S. Spaulding, s. s.	1848, Sept. 18	1870, May 1	24	..	17	34	51	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	110	18
Edgecomb	1783, June 4	Joseph Loring, s. s.	1833, Sept. 10	1865, Mar. 12	39	..	17	56	73	19	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	44	93
Lisbon	1839, Dec. 18	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	2	12	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newcastle, First	1799, June 4	John Haskell, s. s.	1850, Dec. 25	1872, May 26	22	..	11	20	31	13	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	0	50	35
Newcastle, Second	1844, May 22	Wm. F. Obear, p. e.	1868, Oct. 14	1872, Jan. 5	4	..	56	125	181	27	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	100	134
Phipsburg	1765, July 1	(2) James J. Bell, s. s.	1852, June 10	1867, Sept. 29	20	..	30	87	117	24	1	0	1	7	0	0	7	1	2	55	25
Rockland	1838, March 8	(3) Edw'd F. Cutter, s. s.	1833, May 8	1863, Oct. 25	39	..	5	84	89	19	3	0	3	1	6	0	7	3	2	73	150
Thomaston	1809, June 15	Javan K. Mason.	1849, Jan. 18	1864, Dec. 6	23	8	22	95	117	21	3	1	4	5	1	0	6	2	1	250	81
Topsham, First	1789, June 26	John S. Sewall, s. s.	1859, Apl. 20	1871.	13	..	23	68	91	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	60
Union	1803, March 3	Flavius V. Norcross.	1860, Oct. 31	1860, Oct. 31	12	12	21	57	78	6	9	3	12	1	0	0	1	7	0	150	25
Waldoboro, First	1807, May 13	(4) Chas. Packard.	1846, May 6	1868, June 9	26	4	46	125	171	38	8	0	8	7	7	0	14	5	0	150	103
Waldoboro, Second	1863, March 4	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	7	10	17	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Warren, Second	1828, Feb. 27	Edwin S. Beard.	1863, Apl. 2	1864, Aug. 14	9	8	41	103	144	32	1	0	1	3	4	0	7	0	1	88	62
Washington	1817, Aug. 16	(5) A. H. Tibbetts, s. s. ½	Licentiate.	1871.	..	..	5	15	20	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	48
Wiscasset	1773, Aug. 4	William H. Bolster.	1872, June 11	1872, June 11	..	..	19	71	90	16	0	0	0	3	4	0	7	0	0	75	55
Woolwich	1765, June 12	Henry O. Thayer, s. s.	1866, July 26	1867, Sept. 15	6	..	29	69	98	11	0	3	3	2	1	0	3	0	0	95	46
Twenty-two.		*7 Past., 10 S. S.=17.*		*Av. Min'l & Past'l Age.*	17	10	539	1516	2055	386	30	12	42	51	36	1	88	20	13	1862	$3362

Average as Stated Supply, four years. (1) Closed May 25. Supply at Waterford. Rev. Alvin B. Jordan, S. S. from July, 1872. (2) Closed in Feb.; removes to N. Y. (3) Resigned and closed in May. (4) Closed labors, Nov., 1870, tho' not dismissed; now in Alstead, N. H. (5) John C. Beals, *Licentiate*, part of the time.

Without Charge.—Rev. David Q. Cushman, ordained 1838, Feb. 7. Rev. Daniel F. Potter, Topsham, ordained 1852, October 25.

Forty-seventh Annual Meeting held in Wiscasset, June 11, 12, 1872. Rev. J. K. Mason, of Thomaston, *Moderator*. Opening sermon, by Rev. Wm. F. Obear, of Newcastle, Lev. 14:28. Conference sermon, Rev. Wm. Hart, of Central church, Bath, Matt. 5:20. Topics for discussion.—1. Woman's work in the church. 2. The proper observance of the Sabbath. 3. The piety of the age; what is it? what ought it to be? Report was given of the churches, followed by addresses. Communion season.

William Henry Bolster (Bates, 1868; Bangor, 1871), ordained pastor of Cong. church, Wiscasset, June 11, 1872. Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath, *Moderator of the Council*; Rev. Henry O. Thayer, of Woolwich, *Scribe*. Reading of the Scriptures, by Scribe; Prayer, Rev. John Haskell, of Sheepscot Bridge; Sermon, Rev. John B. Wheelwright, of South Paris, Lev. 17:28; Ordaining prayer, Rev. Joseph Loring, of Edgecomb; Charge, by Moderator; Right hand, Rev. Wm. F. Obear, of Newcastle; Address to people, Rev. George E. Street, of Exeter, N. H., a former pastor; Benediction, Rev. W. H. Bolster.

Rev. **William Foster Obear** (Amherst, 1865; Bangor, 1868), pastor elect of Second Church, Newcastle, March 1, 1872—(from West Church, Portland).

Rev. **John Haskell** (Bowdoin 1846; Bangor, 1850), called to First Church, Newcastle, May, 1872—(from Lisbon, Conn.).

Rev. **Gilbert B. Richardson**, closed his labors with First Church, Newcastle, August, 1871. Installed, Cumberland, August 29, 1871.

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FRANKLIN CONFERENCE.—Continued from page 33.

Sabbath School flourishing. Several of the youth have expressed a desire to become Chris-
. A branch Sabbath School, two miles from the meeting-house, is kept up during the summer
hs. *Wilton.*—Rev. Jonas Burnham, of Farmington, who has been stated supply for three
, resigned and preached his farewell sermon April 7. Rev. Wm. H. Beard, of Freedom, will
y the coming year. They have adopted the plan of one sermon on Sabbath, which is at 1½
Sabbath School in the morning; evening meetings at 5½.
Franklin Sabbath School Association met in Strong, Oct. 17, 18, 1871. Address Tuesday
ng, by Rev. Edward Abbot, of Boston.—Sabbath School Institute at New Sharon, Dec. 14,
nducted by Rev. W. Woodbury, of Skowhegan, and Mr. Cousins, of Hallowell. Considera-
iterest is felt in the churches concerning their Sabbath School work, and inquiry for better
ods.

CROLOGY.—Mrs. R. B Howard, the wife of a former Pastor in Farmington, died in Prince-
ll., of consumption, Nov. 5, 1871.—"Her removal to a distant State could not sunder the ties
bound her to our hearts as a sister beloved; beautiful in life, calm and serene in death—in
fe and in her death, a witness for Christ"—(Ch.Clerk).—Funeral at Brunswick, Nov 9.—Mrs.
, wife of Rev. Simeon Hackett, in Temple, Jan. 31, 1872, aged 73.—"By her social and relig-
character she had greatly endeared herself to the church and community." G. N. M.—Mrs.
Merrill, wife of Rev. Jonas Burnham, in Farmington, April 24, 1872, aged 73. "Steadfast
end." Ob. Ch. Mir., May 14.

KERS OF THE CHURCHES.—Farmington, R. Goodenow; Farmington Falls, C. E. Davis; In-
, George W. Luce; New Sharon, F. M. Howes; New Vineyard, John McLain; Phillips, Jo-
. Worthley; Strong, Winthrop Norton; Temple, Abel Sampson; Weld, Timothy H. Frye;
m, E. P. Packard.
. Packard, of Wilton, *Scribe of Conference:* Rev. George N. Marden, of Farmington, *Re-*
; Dea. John Titcomb, of Farmington, *Treasurer.*
ANKLIN COUNTY (UNION) ASSOCIATION, organized March 1, 1864, meets on the first Tuesday
uary, and each alternate month succeeding. It embraces ministers of all the evangelical
ainations in the county. Rev. G. N. Marden, of Farmington, *Scribe.*

HANCOCK CONFERENCE.—Continued from page 34.

NOLOGY.—Sarah Whitney Kittridge, in West Trenton, Me., May 8, 1871, aged 94. Mrs. W.
e wife of Kendall Kittridge, M. D. For sixty years she resided in Mt. Desert, a faithful
mary, commissioned by her Saviour. (Ch. Mir., Aug. 1).—Mrs. Elizabeth Morris, wife of
Alexander R. Plumer, in Tremont, Jan. 23, 1872, after a short illness.—Dea. John Buck, in Or-
Feb. 13. A man of large benevolence, and a pioneer in the church at O. Successful in
ss, and prompt in the duties of religion. Ob. W. W. Ch. Mir., May 7.
KS OF THE CHURCHES.—Amherst and Aurora, Dea. Sylvanus Butler, Aurora; Bluehill,
H. Osgood; West Brooksville, Thaddeus Shepardson; Bucksport, Edward Swasey; Cas-
Rev. A. E. Ives; Deer Isle, 1st ch., Dea. Geo. Barbour; Deer Isle, 2d ch., Wm. E. Powers,
Deer Isle; Ellsworth, Rev. S. Tenney; Isle au Haut, Elcy S. Turner; Orland, A. P. Emer-
dgwick and Brooksville, Dea. S. Allen, North Brooksville; Sedgwick Village, D. J. Cun-
m, Brookline; Tremont and Mt. Desert, Dea. David King, S. W. Harbor.
. Henry S. Loring, of Amherst, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.* Next meeting in North
sle, Oct., 1872.
OCK ASSOCIATION, organized in Sedgwick, Sept. 21, 1797,—meetings, first week in June,
cond week in August, November, and February. Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine, *Scribe.*

KENNEBEC CONFERENCE.—Continued from page 35.

ll's Mills.—Sabbath services commenced in Fairfield Hall, April, 1872. Ezra N. Smith,
gor Seminary, Rev. Geo. W. Kelly, of Robbinston, and others, preached.
BATH SCHOOLS.—Conference of Schools in Vassalboro' and vicinity at Seaward's Mills,
, 1871.—Schools of Pittston, Chelsea, and Whitefield, met in Cong. Church, Pittston, Sept.
ference to S. S. work, and growth.—Meeting in Litchfield, Oct. 28.—S. S. Institute at
ell, two days in November. The exercises throughout were such as would tend to an im-
ent in the schools, and to the advantage of teachers and scholars.—Vassalboro' Sabbath
Association met Jan. 19, 1872. Opening address by Rev. John Dinsmore, of Winslow.
sion of practical topics filled up the day.—The S. S. in Hallowell united in a convention,
20.—The schools in Winslow addressed by Friend Eli Jones, on Palestine and the East,
872.—S. S. Association met in Monmouth, June 12.
Kennebec Co. BIBLE SOCIETY, by its Colporteur, has been canvassing some of the towns.
orts that in Augusta were found 122 families without a Bible. Of 717 families, 55 do not
any church; in Hallowell, 50 families without a Bible; of 296 families, 82 do not attend
; in Pittston, 36 families without a Bible; of 500 families, 213 do not attend church.
mperance movement made rapid progress during the spring, at Gardiner, Hallowell, Au-
Numerous meetings were held, and many who have been accustomed to drink, and to traf-
uors, signed the pledge. They are organizing under the name of "Temperance Reform
In Gardiner, religious meetings are held, and a Sabbath School established in connec-
h the movement. Convention of Clubs in the State, held in Augusta, June 4, 1872.
bers of the Young Men's Christian Association in Winthrop, held meetings at Keene's
Leeds, Nov. to Feb. Annual meeting, Winthrop Assoc., Sept., '71.
OLOGY.—Jane Winthrop, daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Tappan, died in Augusta, Aug. 11,
e church in Hallowell mourn the loss of George Sampson.—Mrs. Eliza B., widow of Dea.
Metcalf, died in Winthrop, Feb. 27, 1872, aged 62.
RS OF THE CHURCHES.—Augusta, E. A. Nason; Benton, A. D. Hinds; Clinton, A. M.
; Gardiner, Rev. A. L. Park; Hallowell, J. D. Russell; Litchfield, John Hancock; Mon-
Dea. M. J. Metcalf; Pittston, Dea. David A. White; Richmond, Dea. B. F. Tallman; Sid-

ney, L. Sawtelle; Vassalboro', Otis Hawes; Waterville, J. B. Bradbury; Windsor ; Winslow, Rev. J. Dinsmore; Winthrop, Dea. Stephen Sewall.

Rev. Charles G. McCully, of Hallowell, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.* Next meeting (semi-annual), in Winslow, Oct. 15, 16, 1872.

Kennebec Association formed in Pittston, July 24, 1816, merged in Kennebec and Somerset Association.

KENNEBEC AND SOMERSET ASSOCIATIONS united, April 23, 1867, at Waterville. Meets fourth Tuesday of January, April, and October, and the second Monday in July. Rev. John Dinsmore, of Winslow, *Scribe.*

Met in Madison, Aug. 29, 1871; Waterville, Oct. 23; Hallowell, Jan. 23, 1871; Winslow, April 2.

LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC CONFERENCE.—Continued from page 36.

Rev. WILLIAM A. SPAULDING, dismissed from Second Church, Newcastle, Oct. 9, 1871. Record of Council,—Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath, *Moderator;* Rev John E. M. Wright, of Waldoboro', *Scribe.* Ch. Mir., Nov. 21. Mr. Spaulding, appointed by Am. B. C. F. M., as a Missionary to Nicomedia, Turkey, sailed with Mrs. S., and Miss Laura Franklin (Teacher), of Newcastle. Nov. 21.

Rev. JAMES J. BELL closed his labors at Phipsburg, April, 1872; has been acting Pastor since 1867. He goes to Long Island, New York.

Rev. EDWARD F. CUTTER resigned his charge at Rockland on account of his health, May, 1872. He has been acting Pastor nearly nine years.

Rev. J. K. MASON, of Thomaston, sailed for Europe, June 20; appointed by the Governor as one of the Commissioners to represent the State at the forthcoming prison discipline Congress in London.

Rev. JAMES MCLEAN, formerly of Thomaston (1859-'61), installed Pastor Union Church, South Weymouth, Mass., Feb. 27, 1872. Rev. S. H. Tolman, formerly of Bath (1855-6), installed Pastor, Lenox, Mass., April 2, 1872.

Bath.—Winter Street Church have introduced as a Hymn and Tune Book, "Songs of the Sanctuary," in place of Watts and Select Hymns, which has been in use 75 years. *Boothbay.*—Rev. Alvin B. Jordan commenced as S. S., July 21, 1872. *Bristol.*—The wife of the acting Pastor is Superintendent of the Sabbath School. The Old Walpole Meeting-house, repaired during the year, is nearly ready for use. *Edgecomb.*—A few extra meetings were held in March to meet the increased interest in religion. *Rockland.*—Repairs on church edifice completed Aug., 1871. Some religious interest during the winter. *Thomaston.*—A new church edifice will be completed about the first of August, 1872. The corner stone was laid Oct. 10, 1871. The services were:—Opening Remarks by Rev. B. S. Arey, and Capt. J. Jordan, Chairman of the Building Committee; Prayer and address by the Pastor, Rev. J. K. Mason; Singing, conducted by Rev. A. W. Keene. (Reported in Rockland Gazette, Oct. 20.) Services were held in the old meeting-house, on leaving it for the new. *Union.*—Prospered during the year; they mourn the loss of a deacon. *Waldoboro'.*—Rev. John E. M. Wright was stated supply during the autumn, and was called to the Pastorate but he declined. (Installed Upton, Mass., Nov. 15.) Rev. Levi G. Marsh, of Bangor, supplied the pulpit in May. Rev. Thomas Lightbody, S. S. in 1857-8, died in Lamoille, Ill., July 15, 1871 (p. 25). *Warren.*—Rev. Edwin S. Beard, Pastor, delivered a discourse to his people, on Thanksgiving day, Nov. 30, on the "Future of Maine," which has been published. *Wiscasset.*—The "Tribute of Praise" takes the place of Watts and Select Hymns in their Sabbath worship. *Woolwich.*—A good degree of quickening in January, 1872.

LINCOLN CO. BIBLE SOCIETY.—Hon. Henry Tolman, of Bath, *President;* A. C. Palmer, of Bath, *Secretary, Treasurer and Depositary.*

Open air services were held on Squirrel Island, near Bath, in Sept. and Oct., conducted by Professor R. C. Stanley, of Lewiston. Sabbath services are held among the Stone Quarry men, on Dix Island,—near Rockland.

NECROLOGY.—Nannie M. Hyde, died in Bath, May 1, 1871. Ob., J. O. F., Ch. Mir., Aug. 8. Parker Wilson, in Boothbay, Aug. 24, 1871, aged 65. Ob. Ch. Mir., Sept 5.—Dea. Robert Cushman Webb, in Waldoboro', Oct. 4, 1871, aged 71. Superintendent of the Sabbath School; Moderator of the County Conference several times; a Deacon in the church 36 years. Ob., F. V. Ch. Mir., Nov. 7.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Alna, Dea. Jeremiah Pearson; Bath, Winter St., Rev. J. O. Fiske; Bath, Central, G. H. Palmer; Boothbay, 1st ch., David Adams; Boothbay, 2d ch., Jas. T. Reed; Bremen, J. P. Hilton; Bristol, Leonard Chamberlain; Edgecomb, Dea. Rufus Sewall; Lisbon, Mrs. A. M. Shea, Lisbon Falls, s. c.; Newcastle, 1st ch., Joseph Curtis, Sheepscot Bridge; Newcastle, 2d ch., Rev. Wm. F. Obear; Phipsburg, Nathaniel C. Read; Rockland, George W. Kimball; Thomaston, J. A. Fuller; Topsham, A. W. Dennett; Union, Augustus Vaughn; Waldoboro 1st ch., Geo. Allen; Waldoboro', 2d ch., Jacob Winchenbeau; Warren, J. P. Starrett; Washington, Calvin Starrett; Wiscasset, J. W. Taggard; Woolwich, Jotham P. Trott.

J. P. Starrett, of Warren, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference;* M. E. Wade, of Wa *Auditor;* Rev. Henry O. Thayer, of Woolwich, *Reporter.* Next meeting in Bristol.

LINCOLN ASSOCIATION formed in Warren, May 1, 1814.—meets third Tuesday in January second Tuesday in May and September. (No meetings in 1871.)

LINCOLN (WEST) ASSOCIATION formed at Phipsburg, May 1, 1844.—meetings, first Tuesday February, May, and November. Rev. Henry O. Thayer, of Woolwich, *Scribe.*

[illegible] OXFORD CONF[illegible]

[illegible]ual Meeting, second Tuesday and Wednesday in June.—Organized in Bridgton, January 16, 1824.—Semi-annual Meeting, second Tuesday and Wednesday in October.

	CHURCHES.—1872, May 5.		MINISTERS.		CHURCH MEM., May 5, 1872.			Admitted.—1871.—				Removed.				Baptized.			
Place and Name.	*Organized.*		*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Inst. or S. S.*	*M.A*	*P.A*	*Male*	*Fml*	*Tot*	*Abs*	*Prof*	*Let.*	*Tot*	*Dth*	*Dis*	*Ex.*	*Tot*	*Adl*	*Inf*	*S.Sch*	*Cont.*
[illegible]dover	1800, Nov.	8	Vacant.			..	..	33	54	87	15	3	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	1	75	$ 30
[illegible]hel, First Church	1799, Oct.	7	Vacant.			..	..	43	89	132	31	0	0	0	1	4	0	5	0	0	85	55
Bethel, Second Church	1849, Jan.	30	David Garland.	1849, Aug. 15	1849, Aug. 15	28	28	20	48	68	10	1	0	1	2	4	0	6	0	0	80	95
Dixfield	1806, May	8	John Elliot, s. s.	1831, Aug. 28	1867, Jun. 2	..	..	4	14	18	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	40	0
Gilead	1818, Jun.	20	Vacant.			..	..	5	17	22	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	25
Gorham, N. H.	1862, Mar.	18	Geo. F. Tewksbury, s. s.	1838, Jan. 31	1868, Sept. 1	34	..	5	33	38	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	65	75
Norway, First	1804, Oct.	6	Howard W. Pope, s. s.	Licentiate.	1872.	..	..	15	46	61	17	6	1	7	2	1	0	3	4	2	70	44
Norway, Second	1853, Jan.	12	George W. Kelley, s. s.	Licentiate.	1872.	..	..	12	49	61	24	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	125	50
Oxford	1826, May	31	Geo. A. Lockwood, s. s.	1870, Nov. 16	1870, Nov. 16	2	..	15	37	52	20	7	0	7	2	2	0	4	6	0	100	19
Rumford	1803, May	5	John Elliot, s. s.	1831, Aug. 28	1859, Nov. 30	41	..	13	19	32	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	(1)0	0	45	6
Shelburn, N. H.	1818, Aug.	26	Vacant.			..	..	..	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Paris	1812, Nov.	4	John B. Wheelwright.	1851, Sept. 10	1867, Dec. 4	22	4	52	100	152	24	1	2	3	4	0	0	4	0	0	150	250
Sumner	1802, Sept.	9	Amasa Loring, s. s.	1842, Jun. 15	1870, Oct. 15,	30	..	24	53	77	20	0	1	1	1	2	1	4	0	0	60	63
Turner	1803, Oct.	18	(1) Alvin B. Jordan.	1871, Sept. 20	1871, Sept. 20	1	..	35	73	108	31	0	0	0	2	5	0	7	0	0	25	25
Upton	1861, Mar.	19	Vacant.			..	..	3	11	14	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	31
Fifteen.			*3 Past., 6 S. S. = 9.*	*Av. Min'l & Past'l age.*		22	14	279	647	926	217	18	4	22	18	22	1	41	10	5	920	$774

Average as Stated Supply, seven years. (1) Dismissed, June 11, 1872.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Rev. Sam'l L. Gould, Bethel, ordained 1839, Oct. 23.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, in Oxford, Oct. 17, 18, 1871. Rev. John Elliot, of Rumford, *Moderator;* Rev. David Garland, of Bethel, *Scribe, pro tem.* Sermons by Amasa Loring, of Sumner, Eph. 5:15, 16, and Rev. John B. Wheelwright, of South Paris. Topics discussed.—1. How can the influence of our churches be increased, in their respective communities? 2. The importance of a firm conviction of the truths of the Gospel. 3. The Sabbath, its importance, effect of its observance or neglect. 4. Elements of character essential to success in Christian work. Sabbath school meeting, Tuesday evening. Claims of the Maine Missionary Society presented by Rev. S. Thurston, Secretary.

FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING, in Turner, June 11, 12, 1872. D. B. Robinson, of Turner, *Moderator.* Opening Sermon, Rev. David Garland, of Bethel, Isa. 45:9, "Wo unto him that striveth with his Maker." Conference Sermon, Rev. George A. Lockwood, of Oxford, Matt. 5:3, "Blessed are the poor in spirit." Topics for remark.—1. Have we divine authority for prohibiting women from preaching? 2. What should be the doctrinal basis of church membership in our churches? 3. How shall Christians most effectually recommend Religion to the world? 4. What means, if any, can be devised to supply the pulpits of our weak and vacant churches with preaching? 5. The necessity and importance of giving more attention to the young in the preaching of the Gospel. Tuesday evening, was devoted to the Sabbath school cause. Topic,—The true relation of the Sabbath school to the church. Rev. D. Garland reported the condition of the churches. Morning prayer-meetings were held in the church, and in the Ricker neighborhood. Wednesday forenoon was the annual meeting of the Oxford Conference Bible Society; T. G. Goodwin, of Norway, *President;* Rev. J. B. Wheelwright, of South Paris, *Vice-president;* W. J. Wheeler, of South Paris, *Secretary;* H. N. Bolster, of South Paris, *Treasurer and Depositary.* Dea. Giles Shurtleff has canvassed a portion of the county. The communion service was enjoyed.—Revs. Amasa Loring, of Sumner, and G. F. Tewksbury, of Gorham, N. H., officiating.

Rev. ALVIN B. JORDAN (Bowdoin—Bangor, 1871) ordained pastor, Turner, Sept. 20, 1871. Rev. John B. Wheelwright, *Moderator of Council;* Rev. W. R. Cross, of New Gloucester, *Scribe.* Devotional exercises, Rev. I. Record, of the Baptist church; Sermon, Rev. Prof. Levi L. Paine, of Bangor Seminary; Ordaining Prayer and Right hand, by the Moderator; Charge, by the Scribe; Address to the people, Rev. Amasa Loring, of Sumner.

Rev. THOMAS T. MERRY, dismissed from pastorate 2d Norway, April 25, 1872. Record of Council, Ch. Mir., Nov. 7. Bro. David F. Brown, of Bethel, *Moderator;* Rev. Geo. F. Tewsbury, of Gorham, N. H., *Scribe.*—Called to Machias.

Rev. ALVIN B. JORDAN, resigned the pastorate at Turner. Dismissed by Council, June 11, 1872; Rev. David Garland, of Bethel, *Moderator;* Bro. A. W. Valentine, *Scribe.*

Rev. ERNEST F. BORCHERS supplied a short time at Andover (April, 1872), Rev. HENRY FARRAR having closed his labors there. [Continued on p. 41.]

PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, second Tuesday in June.—Organized in Brownville, January 11, 1825.—Semi-annual Meeting, second Tuesday in January.

CHURCHES.—1872, May 5.—MINISTERS.				CHURCH MEM., May 5, 1872.								Admitted.—1871.—Removed.						Baptized.		
Place and Name.	*Organized.*		*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Inst. or S. S.*	*M.*	*F.*	*Mle.*	*Fml.*	*Tot.*	*Abs.*	*Prof.*	*Let.*	*Tot.*	*Dth.*	*Dis.*	*Ex.*	*Tot.*	*Addl.*	*Inf.*	*S. Sch.*	*Cont.*
Bangor, First Church	1811, Nov.	7	Newman Smyth.	1868, Jan. 29	1870, Mar. 3	4	2	60	156	216	40	1		3		3	0	3	1		210	$1000
Bangor, Hammond st.	1833, Dec.	5	Solomon P. Fay.	1849, Sept. 6	1856, Nov. 8	23	6	96	222	318	50	12	6	18		9	0	14	5		3 0	1400
Bangor, Central	1847, April	1	George W. Field.	1853, Nov. 15	1864, Mar. 29	19	8	91	169	260	38	4		13		8	0	12	3	0	385	1779
Brewer, First	18 0, Sept.	9	John W. H. Baker.	1865, Jun. 29	1871, Aug. 31	7	1	45	93	138	30	1	5	6		0	0	1	1	2	161	395
Brewer Village	1843, Jan.	18	Clarendon A. Stone, s.s.	Licentiate.	1871.	..	..	18	53	71	5	0	0	0		7	0	7	0		125	90
Carmel	1853, May	3	No Ordinances.			..	..	1	8	9	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dedham	1841, Dec.	13	(1) James Wells.	1849, Ap. 1	1858, Dec. 9	23	14	19	35	54	15	0	0	0		1	0	2	0		68	115
Dixmont & Plymouth	1861, Sept.	10	Wm. S. Sewall, s. s.	1839, Sept. 25	1864, Jun. 1	33	..	1	8	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Hampden	1817, May	6	John W. Brownbill, s.s.	Licentiate.	1872.	..	..	22	70	92	25	5	0	5	4	0	0	4	5	0	161	102
Holden	1825, Nov.	11	Joseph S. Coggswell.	1868, Nov. 18	1870, Jan. 6	4	2	31	58	89	5	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	110	77
Kenduskeag	1834, Dec.	23	Supplied from Sem.			..	..	17	32	49	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	75	28
Oldtown	1831, Sept.	24	Wm. H. Rand, s. s.	1872, Jan. 17	1871, Oct. 1	..	..	15	49	64	30	4	2	6	1	1	0	2	4	0	65	75
Orono	1826, May	18	James G. Leavitt, s. s.	1870, Jun. 27	1871, Sept.	2	..	20	67	87	23	2	0	2	3	4	0	7	0	2	245	110
Orrington, East	1834, June	12	Clarendon A. Stone, s.s.	Licentiate.	1871.	..	..	19	35	54	14	0		0	2	1	0	3	0	0	50	0
Upper Stillwater	1859, Oct.	6	James G. Leavitt, s. s.	1870, Jun. 27	1871, Sept.	..	..	4	17	21	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	60	0
Veazie	1838, June	19	(2) J. R. Chalmers, s. s.	Licentiate.	1872.	..	..	16	32	48	30	0		0	0	1	0	1	0	0	90	0
Sixteen.			*6 Past., 6 S. S. = 12.*		*Av. Min'l & Past'l age.*	20	5	475	1101	1579	326	29	24	53	27	31	0	63	19	20	2105	$5,176

Average as Stated Supply, three years. (1) Dismissed June 17, 1872; removed to Northbridge, Mass. (2) John R. C.—also at North Bangor.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.—Enoch Pond, ordained March, 1, 1815; Daniel Smith Talcott, Dec. 7, 1831; John Russell Herrick, June 31, 1854; William McLeod Barbour, Oct. 2, 1861; Levi Leonard Paine, Oct. 9, 1861 (professors in the Theological Seminary, Bangor); Richard Woodhull, July 7, 1839 (treasurer and agent Theological Seminary, Bangor); Levi G. Marsh, Oct. 3, 1855; John Kent Lincoln, Sept. 20, 1862; Thos. H. Rich, *Licentiate*,—all of Bangor.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING with the First church, Brewer, January 9, 10, 1872. Rev. Solomon P. Fay, of Hammond St. church, Bangor, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, Rev. Jos. S. Cogswell, of Holden, Jude 1:3,—"contending for the faith." Tuesday evening, Sermon by the Moderator, on bearing much fruit. Conference Sermon, Rev. Prof. Levi L. Paine, of Bangor Seminary, on "God's care for the Church." Topics for discussion,—1. How shall the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our churches be secured? 2. How shall a spirit of benevolence be promoted in our churches? 3. What can be done to secure a better attendance upon public worship? 4. Temperance. 5. Home evangelization. Verbal reports from the churches. Question box. Revs. S. Thurston, of Searsport, and John O. Fiske, of Bath, were present and took part in the services. Lord's Supper, administered by the Moderator and Prof. Paine.

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING with the church in East Orrington, June 11, 12, 1872. Rev. Jos. S. Cogswell, of Holden, *Moderator*. Conference Sermon, by Rev. S. P. Fay, of the Hammond St. church, Bangor. Topics discussed,—1. The state of Religion in our churches; the causes of declension, and how to remedy it. 2. The Sabbath school, and how best promote the true object of it. 3. The necessity and importance of more attention to the young, in the preaching of the Gospel. 4. What means can be devised to supply the pulpits of our weak and vacant churches with pastors, and support them? 5. Hindrances to success in the preaching of the Gospel, and how to remove them. 6. How shall we reach and elevate the masses in the preaching of the Gospel? 7. The prayer-meeting. Question Box used. Report of the churches, by Scribe. Lord's Supper, administered by the Moderator, and Rev. S. P. Fay, of Bangor.

Rev. JOHN WORTHINGTON HOPKINS BAKER (Dartmouth, 1861; Bangor, 1864). Installed pastor of First church, Brewer, August 31, 1871. Rev. Prof. John R. Herrick, of Bangor Seminary, *Moderator of Council*; Rev. Joseph S. Cogswell, of Holden, *Scribe*. Public services,—Organ voluntary and Anthem; Invocation, and Reading the Scriptures, Clarendon A. Stone, of Brewer Village; Hymn; Prayer, Rev. Jonathan G. Leavitt, of Orono; Hymn, "Christ is our Corner-stone;" Sermon, by the Moderator, 1 Cor. 1:20-25. Theme,—What the preaching of the Gospel is, and wherein consists its power; Anthem; Installing Prayer, Rev. Dr. Pond, of Bangor; Right hand, by the Scribe; Charge to the Pastor and to the people, Rev. George W. Field, of Central church, Bangor; Prayer, by Rev. Mr. Crowell, of the Methodist church; Anthem; Benediction.

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OXFORD CONFERENCE.—Continued from page 39.

Rev. JOSHUA S. GAY (Andover, 1848-50), called to Auburn, N. H., Aug., 1871. Rev. Eugene H. Titus, formerly of Bethel, accepts a call to Farmington, N. H., Jan., 1872, and Rev. Walter H. Ayers, who supplied at Bethel, is called to Ashtabula, Ohio.

Bethel.—Rev. Ebenezer S. Jordan, of Cumberland, supplied the 1st ch. in the spring. Rev. Horace Toothaker, of New Sharon, a few Sabbaths in May. Rev. D. Garland, of Second Ch., Bethel, has been called to attend 25 funerals the past year, outside the limits of his own parish. *Norway.*—Rev. S. W. Pearce (Methodist), supplied the pulpit at Norway Center for the season, Aug., 1871. *Oxford.*—Rev. Geo. A. Lockwood remains another year. He is Superintendent of the Sabbath School, and Teacher in the Bible Class, which occupies the forenoon. Preaching in the afternoon. *South Paris.*—The church have adopted the envelope system of raising money to support the gospel,—each giving weekly or monthly such amounts as they choose. Rev. Dr. Carruthers, of Portland, supplied the pulpit in July, 1871, and Mr. Wm. E. Gould, Cashier of the First National Bank, Portland, a few Sabbaths in May, 1872. Some religious interest in the Normal Institute. *Turner.*—The wife of Rev. A. B. Jordan died suddenly, April 23, 1872. *Upton.*—Commenced to build a meeting-house.

A "Court Temperance Meeting" is one of the established institutions of the county. A meeting is held during the first week of each session of the Courts.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Andover, Chas. A. Newhall; Bethel, 1st ch., Albert L. Burbank; Bethel, 2d ch., Rev. David Garland; Dixfield, William Woodbury; Gilead, Rev. Henry Richardson; Gorham, N. H., Rev. G. F. Tewksbury; Norway, 1st ch., O. Perry; Norway, 2d ch., T. G. Goodwin; Oxford, Silas P. Hall; Rumford, Dea. Henry Martin; Shelburne, N. H., Mrs. Maria F. Gates; South Paris, O. C. Bolster; Sumner, S. G. Cushman; Turner, N. W. Adams; Upton, A. W. Strickland.

Frederick E. Shaw, of Paris Hill, *Scribe and Treasurer;* Dea. T. G. Goodwin, of Norway, *Reporter of Sabbath Schools.* Next meeting in First ch., Norway, Oct. 8, 9, 1872.

OXFORD ASSOCIATION formed in Norway, June 11, 1872, meets second Tuesday in May, July, and September. Rev. Thomas T. Merry, of Norway, *Scribe.*

PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE.—Continued from page 40.

WILLIAM HENRY RAND (Middlebury——, Bangor, 1869), ordained as an Evangelist at Oldtown, Jan. 17, 1872. Rev. Newman Smyth, of First Church, Bangor, *Moderator of Council;* Rev. John W. H. Baker, of Brewer, *Scribe.* Public Services,—Organ Voluntary and Anthem,—"The Lord is in His Holy Temple;" Reading the Scriptures, Rev. James Williams, of the Baptist Church; Hymn,—"Sow in the Morn Thy Seed;" Sermon, Rev. George W. Field, of Central Ch., Bangor, Luke 4: 18,—"Take heed how ye hear;" Ordaining Prayer, by the Scribe; Hymn,—"How beauteous are their feet;" Charge, by Rev. Professor Wm. M. Barbour, of Bangor Seminary; Right-hand, Rev. J. G. Leavitt, of Orono; Prayer; Hymn,—"Ye Christian Heralds;" Benediction.

Rev. SMITH BAKER, dismissed from First Church, Orono, June 22, 1871. Dea. Nahum Warren, of Veazie, *Moderator of Council;* Rev. S. P. Fay, of Bangor, *Scribe.* Mr. Baker, installed Pastor of the First Church, Lowell, Mass., Sept. 13, 1871. Sermon by Professor Barbour, of Bangor. Ninety-six have been added to the church at Lowell, during his pastorate, to June 1.

Rev. JAMES WELLS, dismissed from church in Dedham, June 17, 1872. Rev. Joseph S. Cogswell, of Holden, *Moderator of Council;* Dea. J. F. Rogers, of Holden, *Scribe.* He has been at Dedham fourteen years, and at the time of his resignation was the oldest Pastor in the Conference. He accepts a call to Northbridge, Mass.

Rev. Lyman S. Rowland, a former Pastor of First Church, Bangor, installed Pastor Cong. Ch. Saratoga Springs, July 25, 1872. Sermon by Professor Barbour, of Bangor; Installing Prayer, Rev. E. Y. Hincks, of Portland; Right-hand, Rev. A. F. Beard, of Syracuse, N. Y., formerly of Central Church, Bath. Rev. Stephen A. Loper, formerly of Hampden (1827 to '32) accepts a call to New Hartford, Conn., May, 1872.

Dea. Thomas Hill Rich, a graduate of Bowdoin, 1848, and of Bangor Seminary, 1852, and often serving as Teacher of Hebrew in the latter, has been appointed Professor of Hebrew in Bates College, Lewiston, and accepts the position.

Hammond St. Church, of Bangor, printed for the use of its members, a new Church Manual. Within its 52 pages is the Confession of Faith, Covenant, Church Polity, Rules of Government, Historical Sketch, and a Catalogue of past and present members, with an Alphabetical Index. Whole number of members to May 5, 1872, is 892, viz.: Received by Letter, 426; by Profession, 466=892. Removed by Death, 173; Dismission, 369; Exc., 23=565. Present number of members, 327. It has had three Pastors since its organization in 1833—Rev. John Maltby, 26 years,—during which time 578 were received to its membership; Rev. Edwin Johnson, 4 years,—53 received,—and Rev. S. P. Fay, the present Pastor, installed Nov. 9, 1866. Received 143 to May 5, 1872. Baptisms from 1833,—428. The Sabbath School has enrolled 530 Teachers, and 4465 Pupils, with 11 Superintendents and 14 Secretaries.

The opening of the European and North American Railway to St. John, N. B., in Oct., 1871, has given opportunity for an exchange of ministers from the British Provinces, which has been improved. Rev. S. G. Dodd, of St. John, N. B., has supplied the pulpits of Hammond Street and Central Churches, Bangor. On Nov. 19th, he delivered the address at the 24th Anniversary of the Central Sabbath School. Revs. S. P. Fay and G. W. Field, have preached in St. John.

At the ceremonies connected with the opening of this important Railroad, held in Norombega Hall, Bangor, Oct. 18, 1871, Rev. Enoch Pond, D. D., was the Chaplain; and at the formal union of the road, at Vanceboro', the border line, Oct. 19, uniting Maine with Canada, Professor Wm. M. Barbour, D. D., of Bangor, officiated as Chaplain. General Grant, President of the United States, and Lord Lisgar, Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada, with other distinguished persons of the two countries, were present at the demonstration and banquet at Bangor and at Vanceboro'.

The 38th Anniversary of the Hammond Street School, Bangor, was held Dec. 10, 1871. Address by Professor L. L. Paine, of the Bangor Seminary. The 57th Anniversary of the First Parish Sabbath School, held Dec. 24. Address by the Pastor, Rev. Newman Smyth.

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PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, Tuesday and Wednesday preceding the meeting of General Conference.—Organized in Foxcroft, Sept. 20, 1842.—Semi-annual Meeting, third Tuesday in Oct.

CHURCHES.—1872, May 5.—MINISTERS. CHURCH MEM., May 5, 1872. Admitted.—1871.—Removed. Baptized.

Place and Name.	*Organized.*	*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Inst. or S. S.*	*M. A.*	*P. A.*	*Mls.*	*Fml.*	*Tot.*	*Abs.*	*Pref.*	*Let.*	*Tot.*	*Dth.*	*Dis.*	*Ex.*	*Tot.*	*Add.*	*Laf.*	*S. Sch.*	*Cont.*
Abbott & Guilford.....	1841, Feb. 2	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	3	9	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	$ 0
Atkinson.....	1842, Mar. 2	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	2	4	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43
Blanchard.....	1833, Mar. 13	Amory H. Tyler, s. s.	1856, May 28	1870, July.	..	..	21	29	50	14	17	0	17	0	1	0	1	8	0	55	28
Brownville.....	1819, Aug. 24	Charles L. Nichols.		1861, Nov. 7	1872, Feb. 20	11	..	47	92	139	20	1	0	1	5	3	0	8	1	2	90	65
Dexter.....	1834, July 22	Amos Redlon, s. s.		F. W. B.	1871, Jun. 1	..	..	9	24	33	11	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	40	8
Foxcroft & Dover.....	1822, Dec. 30	John H. Gurney.		1850, Feb. 22	1869, Oct. 19	22	3	56	130	186	32	6	4	10	4	1	0	5	6	0	130	300
Garland.....	1810, Mar. 1	Peter B. Thayer.		1848, Dec. 12	1848, Dec. 12	24	24	41	63	104	20	3	3	6	0	0	0	0	3	0	100	116
*Greenville.....	1869, Dec. 5	(1) James Cameron, s. s.		1870, Jun. 15	1870, Mar. 15	2	..	14	25	39	5	4	0	4	2	0	0	2	2	1	35	96
Monson.....	1821, Aug. 11	Amory H. Tyler, s. s.		1856, May 28	1870, July.	16	..	38	54	92	17	33	7	40	1	2	0	3	21	0	100	84
Sangerville.....	1828, Aug. 28	Rufus W. Emerson, s. s.		1856, May 28	1871, Jan.	16	..	3	10	13	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	151	0
Ten.		*3 Past., 4 S. S. = 7.*		*Av. Min'l & Past'l age.*		15	12	234	440	674	124	64	14	78	13	10	0	23	41	3	699	8740

*Union Evangelical. Average as Stated Supply, two years. (1) E. A. Ford, *Ac.* a portion of the year. †Union School.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING with the church in Dexter, October 17, 18, 1871. Opening Sermon, by Rev. Henry S. Loring, of Hancock Conference, Matt. 25: 19, on Human Responsibility. Conference Sermon, by Rev. Peter P. Thayer, of Garland, John 14: 12,—"The works that I do, shall he do also," &c. Topics discussed,—1. Cultivation of holiness of heart and life; what means are to be used to promote it? 2. Individual responsibility. 3. Revivals. An address was delivered by Rev. James Cameron, of Greenville, on the responsibility of the church as the light of the world. Report of the churches. Rev. Wm. S. Sewall, was present, from Somerset Conference.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL MEETING with the church in Garland, June 18, 19, 1872. Chas. Davidson of Monson, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, by Rev. Amory H. Tyler, of Monson, 1 Cor. 13: 1-3,—Love, the indispensable and controlling element of Christian character. Conference Sermon, by Rev. Ferdinand V. D. Garretson, of New York, John 14: 8,—"Show us the Father." Topics discussed,—1. Dependence upon God; what are perverted, and what are right views of this subject? 2. Christian consecration. 3. Temperance. Report of the churches, by the Scribe. A memorial was adopted, in reference to the deaths, within the 14 months past, of Deacons Carpenter and Parsons, of Foxcroft; Tenney, of Monson; and Drake, of Sangerville. Lord's Supper administered by Rev. Mr. Ford, of New Haven, Conn.; and Rev. John H. Gurney, of Foxcroft.

Rev. CHARLES LEWIS NICHOLS (Bowdoin, 1857; Bangor, 1861) installed pastor at Brownville, Feb. 20, 1872. Rev. John H. Gurney, of Foxcroft, *Moderator of the Council;* Rev. Amory H. Tyler, of Monson, *Scribe*. Introductory service, by the Moderator, and Rev. Thomas Spaulding, M. E., of Brownville; Sermon, by the Scribe, 1 Cor. 1: 21,—"The foolishness of preaching;" Installing Prayer, by Moderator; Charge, Rev. Amos Redlon, of Dexter; Right-hand, Rev. James Cameron, of Greenville; Address to people, Rev. P. B. Thayer, of Garland.

Blanchard.—Unusual religious interest in the winter and spring. Seventeen added to the church, April, 1872. *Brownville*.—A colony of forty-five Swedes, from New Sweden, have entered the slate quarry of A. H. Merrill. The children have entered the common school, and nearly all the colony attend the Sabbath School, Sept., 1871. The Welsh people held a Christmas festival in the Congregational meeting-house; services consisted of singing, declamations, and addresses. Messrs. T. H. Davies and R. W. Jenkins, Welshmen, from Bangor Seminary, were present. *Dexter*.—Rev. Woodbury S. Kimball, pastor, 1867-1869, installed pastor North church, Greenfield, Mass., March 7, 1872. *Foxcroft* and *Dover*.—The pastor spent a few weeks in the West, Nov., 1871. The church and society are proposing to build a vestry, add a spire to the church, and put a clock therein, April, 1870. Dea. Nathan Carpenter, father of the late Rev. Elbridge G. Carpenter, Newcastle, died in Foxcroft, April, 1872, aged 84. *Garland*.—Some religious interest in the spring. *Greenville*.—The Scribe of Conference reports that this church had an increase of 55 per cent during the past year, August, 1871. Rev. J. Cameron, acting pastor, sent Bibles, Religious Periodicals, and Tracts, to thirty-five camps, during the winter; and wants a further supply to send to the thousands of lumbermen, in the region. Much to the regret of the people, and of the Conference, Mr. C. is about leaving the place, July, 1872. *Monson*.—In this place, Blanchard, Stetson, and Howard, there is supposed to have been two hundred conversions in connection with the Congregational and Baptist churches. Dea. William Tenney died May 8, 1872, aged 75. For twenty-five years a deacon in the church. Ob. Ch. Mir., June 4 and July 9.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Abbot and Guilford, Daniel R. Straw, Jr., of G.; Atkinson, R. R. Gould; Blanchard, Daniel Blanchard; Brownville, E. W. Stickney; Dexter, Dea. J. W. Barrows; Foxcroft and Dover, C. H. B. Woodbury, of Dover; Garland, Rev. P. B. Thayer; Greenville, Rev. James Cameron; Monson, Charles Davison; Sangerville, Dea. Joseph Fowler.

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SOMERSET CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, Tuesday preceding second Wednesday in June. Organized in Norridgewock, October 1, 1823.—Semi-annual Meeting, no regular day, usually in October.

CHURCHES.—1872, May 7.—MINISTERS.			CHURCH MEM., May 5, 1872.							Admitted.—1871.—Removed.							Baptized.			
Place and Name.	*Organized.*	*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Inst. or S.S.*	*M.A.*	*P.A.*	*Mle*	*Fml*	*Tot*	*Abs*	*Prf*	*Let.*	*Tot*	*Dth*	*Dis*	*Ex.*	*Tot*	*Adl*	*Inf*	*S. Sch*	*Cont.*
Anson	1804, April 19	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	20	39	59	22	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	$ 10
Athens	1867, June 6	William S. Sewall, s. s.	1839, Sept. 25	1871, Oct.	..	..	15	29	44	2	2	0	2	2	2	0	4	1	0	120	51
Bingham	1805, July 24	(1) Benj. Merrill, s. s.	Licentiate.	1872.	..	..	20	30	50	3	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	50	50
Madison	1826, April 25	Thos. G. Mitchell, s. s.	1846, Nov. 18	1851, Nov. 16	26	..	32	51	83	31	7	3	10	1	4	0	5	5	2	60	40
Madison, East	1858, Mar. 24	Aaron M. Hills, s. s.	Licentiate.	1872.	..	..	2	10	12	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	5
Mercer	1822, Oct. 30	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	10	15	25	8	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	*40	10
New Portland, North	1839, May 27	Vacant.	Miss. from	Yale, 3 mos.	..	..	5	14	19	0	0	3	3	1	1	0	2	0	0	*85	8
Norridgewock	1797, Sept. 22	Benjamin Tappan.	1838, Aug. 8	1858, Oct. 27	34	14	37	86	123	32	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	160	236
Skowhegan	1869, Nov. 1	Webster Woodbury, s. s.	1868, Sept. 9	1870, Apl. 1	4	..	37	81	118	19	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	180	179
Solon	1842, Jan. 25	Ezra N. Smith, s. s.	1872, June 12	1872, May.	..	..	5	7	12	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	35
Solon, South	1806, Sept. 30	(2) A. R. Plumer, s. s.	1854, Dec. 13	1869, Apl. 9	18	..	3	10	13	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
St. Albans	1830, June 18	William S. Sewall, s. s.	1839, Sept. 25	1864, June 10	33	..	8	19	27	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	120	25
Twelve.		*1 Past., 7 S. S.=8.*	*Av. Min'l & Past'l Age,*		23	14	194	391	585	128	11	7	18	11	13	0	24	8	4	865	$649

Average as Stated Supply, seven years. (1) Also at the Forks. (2) Aaron M. Hobbs, *Licentiate*, S. S. for a portion of the year. William E. Spear, *Licentiate*, at Moose River, 1872. *Union.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Rev. Geo. W. Hathaway, Skowhegan, ordained 1833, Mar. 20.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING in St. Albans, Oct. 31, Nov. 1, 1871. Rev. Thos. G. Mitchell, of Madison, *Moderator*. Rev. John Dinsmore, of the Kennebec Conference, preached the opening Sermon, Ex. 18:7; Rev. P. B Thayer, of Piscataquis Conference, the closing Sermon. Topics for discussion,—1. Conference, especially the ordinary local ones of the several churches. 2. Christian intercourse in the family, all agreeing upon the importance of a far freer communion of friend with friend, and relative with relative, on the most sacred of themes, than generally obtains. 3. The Christian life:—addresses mainly to those who had not entered upon it. 4. The importance and methods of steady Christian growth. The communion administered by the Moderator, and Rev. Amos Redlon, of Piscataquis Conference.

FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING, in Solon, June 11, 12, 1872. Rev. Thomas G. Mitchell, of Madison, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, by Rev. Benjamin Tappan, of Norridgewock, Ps. 40:17, "The Lord thinketh upon me." Topics for remark.—The dependence of the young upon religious instruction; when they shall receive it, and how; the importance of putting the great truths of the Bible into the minds of the old and young; the causes of a state of things no more prosperous in the churches generally, and the remedies to be applied. A part of the first afternoon was given up to the Somerset Bible Society, which has been engaged for more than a year in the exploration and supply of the county, with both painful and happy results. In the Conference, afterwards, the importance of acquaintance with the Bible was taken up, and its connection with personal character and influence. Rev. John Dinsmore, of Kennebec Conference, and Rev. Prof. Barbour, of Bangor Seminary, were present, and took part in the services.

EZRA NYE SMITH (Bangor Sem., 1872) ordained as an Evangelist in Solon, June 12, 1872. Rev. George W. Hathaway, of Skowhegan, *Moderator of the Council*; Rev. Webster Woodbury, of Skowhegan, *Scribe*. Public services,—Invocation, Rev. E. P. French, of the Methodist church, Solon; Scripture Reading, Rev. Wm. S. Sewall, of St. Albans; Sermon, Rev. Prof. Wm. M. Barbour, of Bangor Seminary, Heb. 7: 21-27; Ordaining Prayer, Rev. Benjamin Tappan, of Norridgewock; Charge, Rev. Thomas G. Mitchell, of Madison; Right-hand, by Scribe; Prayer, by Moderator; Benediction, Rev. E. N. Smith. "A large attendance, like an old style ordination; teams from more than twenty miles lining the fences." Ch. Mir., June 18.

Rev. GEORGE W. HATHAWAY, who has been stated supply, the past year, at Assonet, Mass., has, on account of ill-health, returned to Skowhegan.

At Athens, the meeting-house is occupied by the Congregationalists, Free Baptists, Baptists, and Christian denominations.

Some religious interest during the year at Norridgewock, West Parkman, Canaan, and Moose River. A Sabbath School Convention, at Canaan, August, 1871, had a large attendance, and deepened the interest. Rev. L. W. Hinks labored here, under a commission from the Maine Missionary Society. A mission of sixteen weeks was fulfilled at Moose River. A Sabbath School Institute was appointed at Skowhegan, Nov. 14, 1871.

Mr. Jacob Berry, agent of the Somerset County Bible Society, reports visiting 598 families, who had not the Scriptures. In one town of 316 families, 131 do not attend church; in another of 330 families, 120 are non-attendants; in another of 169 families, 70 are non-attendants; in another of 180, 75; in another of 234, 106. In one town of 620 children, only 70 are in the Sabbath School; another of 307, only 44; one of 406, only 88; another of 338, only 83. These are not among the poorer towns. In many towns, there are no stated meetings, or Sabbath Schools. [Cont. on p. 45.]

UNION CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, Tuesday preceding 2d Wednesday in June (two days).—Organized in South Bridgton, June 14, 1836.—Semi-annual Meeting, last Tuesday in Oct. (two days).

CHURCHES.—1872, MAY 5.—MINISTERS. CHURCH MEM., May 5, 1872. Admitted.—1871.—Removed. Baptized.

Place and Name.	*Organized.*	*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Inst. or S.S.*	*M.*	*A.*	*P.*	*Mle*	*Fml*	*Tot*	*Abs*	*Prf*	*Lt.*	*Tot*	*Dth*	*Dis*	*Ex.*	*Tot*	*Add'l*	*Inf*	*S. Sch*	*Cont.*
Albany	1803, Sept. 15	(1) N. Pearse & D. R. Atkins, s. s.	Licentiates,	1871.		..	..	12	29	41	13	4	0	4	3	3	0	6	3	0	75	$ 35
Bridgton	1784, Aug. 26	Edwin P. Wilson, s. s.	1871, Jan. 26	1863, Sept. 1	2	..	..	40	93	133	15	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	40
Bridgton, North	1832, Nov. 15	(2) Nehemiah Lincoln.	1872, June 15	1871, Oct. 29	..	..	..	12	36	48	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	40	5
Bridgton, South	1829, Dec. 30	Addison Blanchard.	1868, Sept. 9	1868, Sept. 9	4	4	..	27	45	72	15	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	100	102
Brownfield	1804, Oct. 15	Edwin S. Tingley, s. s.	1871, Feb. 1	1870, Aug. 7	2	..	..	19	34	53	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	14
Casco	1864, Sept. 22	M. D. Stone, s. s.	Licentiate,	1872.	..	..	..	10	11	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	5
Denmark	1829, July 5	(3) Edwin S. Tingley, s. s.	1871, Feb. 1	1870, Aug. 14	..	..	..	9	31	40	16	4	0	4	0	2	0	2	4	0	63	10
Fryeburg	1775, Aug. 17	David B. Sewall.	1842, Jan. 19	1859, Dec. 8	30	13	..	70	135	205	45	1	0	1	4	1	0	5	0	4	100	310
Harrison	1826, Feb. 15	(2) Nehemiah Lincoln.	1872, June 15	1871, Oct. 29	..	..	..	21	19	40	23	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	48	6
Hiram	1826, Oct. 26	(4) Horace G. Leavitt, s.	Licentiate,	1871, 8 Sab.	..	..	..	3	7	10	0	0	4	4	2	0	0	2	0	1	60	8
Lovell	1798, Oct. 6	Benj. Stearns, s. s.	Dea. & Lic.	1871.	..	..	..	47	83	130	26	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	40	35
Naples	1858, Aug. 10	Vacant.	..	..	..	..	..	3	13	16	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	0
Otisfield	1797, Nov. 23	Vacant.	..	..	..	..	..	24	40	64	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	5	0	0	0	5
Stow and Chatham	1861, Oct. 23	Ezra B. Pike, s. s.	1863, Sept. 16	1869, May 18	9	..	..	19	28	47	10	1	0	1	1	1	1	3	1	0	70	26
Sweden	1817, Nov. 4	Truman S. Perry, s. s.	Licentiate,	1870, Sept. 8	..	..	..	27	29	56	20	5	0	5	1	1	0	2	2	0	40	31
Waterford	1799, Oct. 2	John A. Douglass.	1821, Nov. 7	1821, Nov. 7	51	51	..	35	68	103	15	0	1	1	4	0	0	4	0	0	100	587
Waterford, North	1805, June 20	Wellington Newell, s. s.	1856, Nov. 18	1870, Nov. 1	16	..	..	25	54	79	17	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	85	54
Seventeen.		*4 Pastors, 8 S. S. = 12.*	*Av. Min'l & Past'l Age,*		16	22		403	755	1158	235	17	8	25	21	15	1	37	12	5	1171	$1333

Average as Stated Supply, two years.

(1) John E. Smith, *Licentiate*, part of the time. (2) *Licentiate* and S. S. to first Sabbath in May. (3) Truman S. Perry, *Licentiate*, part of the time. (4) Asher Anderson, *Licentiate*, part of the time.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, held in Chatham, N. H., Oct. 31, and Nov. 1, 1871. Dea. Truman S. Perry, of Bridgton, *Moderator*. Sermons, Rev. W. Newell, of North Waterford, 1 Cor. 22: 23, 24; Rev. A. Blanchard, South Bridgton, Prov. 4: 23. Topic of discussion,—Practical Godliness, the Scripture standard, and how attained. Lord's Supper, administered by Rev. E. S. Tingley, and Rev. A. Strout, Methodist.

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING, at South Bridgton, June 11 and 12, 1872. Mr. Geo. B. Barrows, of Fryeburg, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, by Rev. E. P. Wilson, of Bridgton, from Luke 12: 17, "And he thought within himself." Closing Sermon by Rev. E. S. Tingley, of Brownfield, from Eph. 3: 15, "Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named." General topic for discussion,—The Christian family; what should it be? 1. The Bible idea of the family. 2. Family worship. 3. Family religious instruction. 4. The Sabbath in the family. 5. Family reading and conversation. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. Messrs. S. W. Pearson, of Limington, and N. Lincoln, of North Bridgton. The churches report a loss of twelve in membership over last year. A committee of two ministers and one layman was raised, to plan for the assistance of the feeble churches. A collection, amounting to forty dollars, was taken for the church in Hiram, to assist in completing their meeting-house. The case of this church was recommended to the churches. Entertainment at noon of both days, was provided by a common table in the vestry of the church. Father Douglass, of Waterford, dismissed the meeting with a few parting words and a benediction.

Rev. ERNEST F. BORCHERS dismissed from the pastorate of the churches in North Bridgton and Harrison, Oct. 3, 1871. Rev. Addison Blanchard, of South Bridgton, *Moderator of Council*; Rev. Edwin P. Wilson, of Bridgton, *Scribe*. Record Ch. Mir., Oct. 10. Mr. B., during the following winter, preached to the Germans, in Paterson, N. J., in their native tongue,—called afterwards to supply a Presbyterian church, at Lake-view, Passaic, N. J.

NEHEMIAH LINCOLN, of New Bedford, Mass., ordained pastor of the churches of North Bridgton and Harrison, May 15, 1872, at North Bridgton. Rev. David B. Sewall, of Fryeburg, *Moderator of the Council*; Rev. Edwin P. Wilson, of Bridgton, *Scribe*. Invocation, and Reading of the Scriptures, T. C. Jerome, of New Bedford, Mass.; Sermon, by the Scribe, Acts 11: 26; Ordaining Prayer, Rev. Wellington Newall, of North Waterford; Charge, by the Moderator; Right hand, Rev. Addison Blanchard, of South Bridgton; Address to the People, Rev. Ernest F. Borchers, a former pastor; Benediction, Rev. N. Lincoln. Mr. L. has been for twenty years a teacher of schools, chiefly in New Bedford; was deacon of the Pacific church, and superintendent of the Sabbath School in that city; commenced to study for the ministry, in 1864, under the direction of Revs. Timothy Stowe and Bernard Paine. Licensed in 1871, by the Old Colony Association.

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The 29th Anniversary of the Bangor Young Men's Bible Society was held in Norombega Hall, Jan. 28, 1872. Report by the Secretary. Address by Rev. Newman Smyth, of the First Church, and W. W. Marsh, of the Union Street Methodist Church, Bangor, and Mr. Jacob Berry, who has been a Bible Colporteur in Somerset County.

The 25th Anniversary of the Penobscot Missionary Association, auxiliary to the American Missionary Association, was held in Central Church, Bangor, March 3, 1872. Report by the Secretary. Address, by Rev. Geo. W. Field, of the Central Church.

On Sabbath evening, Nov. 5, 1871, a Union Missionary Meeting was held in Hammond Street Church, Bangor, at which Rev. J. T. Noyes, of the Madura Mission, gave an interesting account of his twenty-three years' residence and labors in India. Mr. N., with Rev. W. Warren, District Secretary, visited other churches in the County and State. In January, 1872, Rev. H. S. Barnum, of the Harpoot Mission in Turkey, met the members of the Theological Seminary, and afterwards one of the church prayer-meetings, Bangor, making appeals to promote the missionary work. Missionaries Wheeler, Cole, and Pierce, have sent communications to the churches and Sabbath Schools in Bangor, from their fields of labor in Turkey.

Rev. Wm. C. Pond, of California, a son of Rev. Dr. Pond, has been commissioned by the Am. Bd. C. F. M., to explore the North-west of Mexico, for the best place to locate a mission station.

The Ladies' Board of Missions, Bangor, have met monthly for prayer and the communication of intelligence. The Monthly Missionary Concert is observed in the churches, but not fully attended.

A meeting was held in Norombega Hall, Bangor, in April,—the Mayor of the city presiding,—followed by others in City Hall and in Music Hall, in April and May, designed to aid in the temperance reform, commenced on the Kennebec by the "Reform Clubs."

Dr. Pond delivered a course of Lectures, during the winter, on the Greek Philosophers, before the Students of the Theological Seminary, Bangor, which was open to all citizens.

NECROLOGY.—Mark Fisher, formerly of Newport, died in Trenton, N. J., Feb., 1871. Ob. Ch. Mir., March 5, 1872.—Timothy Crosby, in Bangor, Jan. 21, 1872, aged 78.—Notice of Mrs. Samuel Stone, Hampden, by L. W., Ch. Mir., Sept. 19, 1871.—The late Daniel Robinson, of Bucksport, bequeathed $500 to Am. Seamen's Friend Society, to be expended in Bangor, for the benefit of seamen, hoping it might be the nucleus for a Seamen's Home in that city.

Rev. Professor D. S. Talcott returned from Europe, Nov. 9, 1871. Rev. Professor John R. Herrick visits Europe for several months, Jan., 1872.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Bangor, 1st ch., Sidney W. Thaxter; Bangor, Hammond street ch., Dea. E. F. Duren; Bangor, Central ch., Henry S. Brown; Brewer, 1st ch., C. O. Farrington; Brewer Village, Daniel Sargent, 2d; Carmel, S. Chamberlain; Dedham, Benj. P. Todd; Dixmont and Plymouth, Josiah Parsons, Plymouth; Hampden, John Dudley; Holden, R. Freeman; Kenduskeag, C. H. Stanley; Oldtown, C. A. Bailey; Orono, Dea. Joseph Greaves; East Orrington, Warren Ware; Upper Stillwater, Oliver A. Waterhouse; Veazie, Dea. Nahum Warren.

William G. Duren, of Bangor, *Scribe of Conference:* Dea. E. F. Duren, of Bangor, *Treasurer.* Next meeting with the Central church, Bangor, Jan. 14, 15, 1873.

PENOBSCOT ASSOCIATION formed at Bangor, August 8, 1832. Annual meeting on Tuesday, preceding the third Wednesday in December,—other meetings by adjournment. Rev. Joseph S. Cogswell, of Holden, *Scribe.* Met in Bangor, at Seminary Reading Room, March 13 and May 21, 1872. At latter meeting, licensed to preach two members of Bangor Seminary, for one year each; and seven for three years each.

PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE.—Continued from page 42.

Piscataquis Union Sabbath School Convention, in Brownville, Sept. 6, 7, 1871; in Abbot., May 16, 1872.

Rev. Rufus W. Emerson, of Monson, *Scribe of Conference;* C. H. B. Woodbury, of Dover, *Treasurer.* Next meeting in Foxcroft, Oct. 15, 16, 1872.

PISCATAQUIS ASSOCIATION formed at Monson, January 25, 1841. Annual meeting third Tuesday in February; other meetings, quarterly. Rev. John H. Gurney, of Foxcroft, *Scribe.* Met in Dexter, Aug. 22, 1871; in Brownville, Feb. 26, 1872; in Foxcroft, May 14.

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Rev. Benjamin Tappan, of Norridgewock, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.*

SOMERSET AND FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION formed at Strong, May 4, 1853; SOMERSET ASSOCIATION united with FRANKLIN, was formed July 10, 1844,—these are now merged in the KENNEBEC AND SOMERSET ASSOCIATION, formed at Waterville, April 28, 1867; meets fourth Tuesday of January, April, and October, and second Monday in July. Rev. John Dinsmore, of Winslow, *Scribe.* Met in Madison, Aug. 29, 1871; Waterville, Oct. 23; Hallowell, Jan. 23, 1872; Winslow, April 22.

UNION CONFERENCE.—Continued from page 44.

Rev. EDWIN P. WILSON resigns as acting Pastor at Bridgton, May 19, 1872, and accepts a call to Phillips Church, Watertown, Mass. Installed as Pastor, July 5, 1872. Sermon by Rev. Professor Barbour, of Bangor Seminary.

Rev. Edwin S. Tingley, acting Pastor since August, 1870, resigns June, 1872. Called to Huntington, Mass. Record of Council, Ch. Mir., June 25.

Rev. Wm. W. Dow, formerly of Waterford, accepts call to Winchendon Center, Mass., May, 1872.

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WALDO CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, second Tuesday in June, usually.—Organized in Searsport, June 14, 1848.—Semi-annual Meeting, second Tuesday in October.

CHURCHES.——1872, May 5.——MINISTERS. CHURCH MEM., May 5, 1872. Admitted.—1871.—Removed. Baptized.

Place and Name.	*Organized.*	*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Inst. or S.S*	*MA*	*PA*	*Male*	*Fml*	*Tot*	*Abs*	*Prf*	*Let.*	*Tot*	*Dth*	*Dis*	*Ex.*	*Tot*	*Jdl*	*Inf*	*S.Sch*	*Cont.*
Belfast, First	1796, Dec. 29	R. Henry Davis, s. s.	Licentiate.	1872.	..	..	24	82	106	15	1	1	2	1	3	0	4	1	0	115	8224
Belfast, North	1846, Sept. 24	William M. Todd, s. s.	Licentiate.	1871.	..	..	12	25	37	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Camden, Elm Street	1805, Sept. 11	H. Allen Shorey.	1865, July 28	1869, Sept. 2	7	3	36	92	128	13	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	155	294
Frankfort	1851, Nov. 18	E. P. Butler, s. s.	Licentiate.	.....	..	..	3	12	15	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	65	0
Freedom	1858, April 4	(1) F. S. Schenck, s. s.	Licentiate.	1871.	..	..	10	13	23	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	40	34
Jackson and Brooks	1812, Oct. 6	Albert N. Jones.	1872, Feb. 8	1872, Feb. 8	..	..	19	42	61	11	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	13
Rockport	1854, June 12	Andrew J. McLeod, s. s.	1870, Sept. 20	1871, Sept.	1	..	12	32	44	9	6	2	8	0	3	0	3	4	0	50	43
Sandy Point	1830, Oct. 16	Herbert R. Howes, s. s.	1870, Jan. 13	1872, Apr. 7	..	..	31	..	78	30	0	1	1	2	2	0	4	0	2	100	90
Searsport, First	1815, Oct. 4	Jonathan E. Adams.	1859, Oct. 19	1866, May 16	12	6	36	108	144	16	3	1	4	8	1	1	10	2	0	100	264
Searsport, Second	1855, Sept. 19	Herbert R. Howes, s. s.	1870, Jan. 13	1872, Apr. 7	..	..	9	27	36	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	45	43
Unity	1804, Dec. 1	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	2	..	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Winterport	1829, Sept. 17	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	15	57	72	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	80	93
Twelve.		*3 Past., 6 S. S.=9*	*Av. Mm'l & Past'l Age.*		7	4	209	542	751	118	12	5	17	16	9	1	26	7	3	880	81017

Average as Stated Supply, one year. (1) Thomas E. Springer, *Licentiate*, a portion of the year.

REV. STEPHEN THURSTON, Secretary of the Maine Missionary Society, Searsport, ordained 1826, Aug. 9. Rev. Wooster Parker, Belfast, ordained 1832, Sept. 29.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, in Frankfort, Oct. 24, 25, 1871. Rev. H. Allen Shorey, of Camden, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon Rev. Wooster Parker, of Belfast, on Christian Unity. Tuesday evening, Sermon, by the Moderator, on the Life of Christ. Conference Sermon, by Rev. Rufus K. Harlow, of Belfast, Isa. 28: 16,—Christ, the sure foundation and tried stone. Topics for remark,—1. How may Christians best promote their own spiritual interests, and best exert a Christian influence in their respective neighborhoods? 2. Bad habits. Question Box used. On Tuesday evening, previous to the sermon, a Sabbath School concert was conducted by Dea. Upton Treat, of Frankfort; singing led by Mr. Rowe, with the cabinet organ. Lord's Supper, administered by Revs. Andrew J. McLeod, of Rockport, and Jonathan E. Adams, of Searsport.

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING, held with the church in Rockport. Sermon, on Tuesday, by Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Searsport, Jude 1: 3,—The common salvation a bond of union for all believers. Conference Sermon, by Rev. H. A. Shorey, of Camden, Col. 2: 6,—"As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him." Discussion, on the duty of the church to the community of its locality. On Tuesday evening, a Sabbath School concert was held, led by Rev. A. J. McLeod, of Rockport; addresses by Rev. S. Thurston and others. The songs of the evening were finely rendered. Report of the churches, by the Scribe. A brief history of the church in Rockport, for the last eighteen years, was given by Judge Talbot. The devotional exercises were frequent. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper was administered by Revs. H. A. Shorey, and Andrew J. McLeod.

ALBERT NEWTON JONES (Bangor, 1871) ordained pastor of church in Brooks and Jackson, February 8, 1872. Rev. Luther Wiswell, of Windham, *Moderator of the Council:* Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Searsport, *Scribe*. Introductory public services, by Rev. H. Small. Sermon, by the Moderator (former pastor of the church); Ordaining Prayer, Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Searsport; Charge, by the Scribe; Right hand, Rev. Robert H. Davis, of Belfast. There are two branches to the church, as the name indicates. The houses of worship are four miles apart; a service and Sabbath School being held at each place every Sabbath. There was a revival interest during the winter. The meeting-house in Jackson has been remodeled and much improved, both on the exterior and interior; and a parsonage has been purchased. N. Ezra Abbot, of Cambridge, Mass., has presented a pulpit Bible and twelve "Songs of the Sanctuary."

Belfast.—Rev. Wooster Parker, has an appointment in the Custom-house, at Belfast, Nov., 1871. Rev. Rufus K. Harlow, acting pastor, preached his farewell sermon, January 7, 1862. Installed pastor, Medway, Mass., February 13, 1872. Henry R. Davis, from Bangor Sem., 1871, stated supply from February, 1872. *Camden.*—Dea. Joseph Stimson died May 8, 1872, aged 80. Ob., by H. A. S., Ch. Mir., May 16. *Rockport.*—Religious interest during the winter. Six heads of families united with the church in March, 1872. Rev. Andrew J. McLeod (Bangor Seminary, 1868), late pastor in Yarmouth, N. S., stated supply from May, 1872. See report of Conference held in this place. *Sandy Point* and *Stockton.*—Rev. Herbert R. Howes (Bangor, 1869) licensed by Hopkinton Association, N. H., and late of East Concord, N. H., stated supply from March, 1872. Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Searsport, supplied in February, 1872.

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Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Inst. or S. S.	MA	PA	Mle	Fml	Tot	Abs	Prf	Let	Tot	Dth	Dis	Ex.	Tot	Add	Inf.	S.Sch	Cont.
Alexander	1854, Nov. 7	Vacant.			..	..	1	2	3	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	$ 0
Alna	1825, Aug. 17	Wm. Carruthers, s. s.	1857, Jun. 16	1868, Sept. 1	15	..	46	143	189	0	4	0		2	2	0	4	0	0	150	500
Brayfield	1833, Oct. 20	Vacant.			..	..	3	7	10	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calais	1826, Feb. 22	George W. Laban, s. s.	Licentiate.	1872, May 25	..	..	5	9	14	3	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	3	30	64
Dennysville	1806, Oct. 27	Charles Whittier.	1860, Nov. 13	1860, Nov. 13	12	12	46	69	15	25	3	0	3		0	0	1	2	200	403
Eastport	1819, Feb. 7	Webster K. Pierce, s. s.	1872, Jun. 12	1871, April.	..	..	15	77	92	21	0	0		0		0	1	0	0	75	72
Jonesboro	1840, April 24	Vacant.			..	..	6	5	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Machias	1782, Sept. 12	Thos. T. Merry, p. elect.	1864, Jun. 9	1872, May 31	8	..	44	132	76	0	5	0	5	2	19	0	21	0	0	260	310
Machias, East	1826, June 8	Edward R. Osgood, s. s.	1871, Oct. 24	1871, Sept.	1	..	38	80	18	0	4	1	5	1	1	0	2	0	0	180	155
Machiasport	1831, Jan. 25	Gilman Bacheller, s. s.	1831, Jun. 15		41	..	17	26	43	15	3	2	5	3	1	0	4	3	0	60	15
Marshfield	1871, Sept. 14	Andrew Hagarman, s. s.	Licentiate.	1872, May 25	..	..	16	29	45	0	27	18	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	9
Northfield	1838, Sept. 15	John H. Wyckoff, s. s.	Licentiate.	1872, May 25	..	..	10	17	27	4	16	0	16	0	1	0	1	7	0	65	48
Pembroke	1825, Sept. 30	Vacant.			..	..	5	13	8	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Perry	1822, Oct. 7	Charles L. Guild, s. s.	1864, Feb. 14	1871, Feb. 12	8	..	12	36	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0
Princeton	1858, Dec. 2	John J. Blair, s. s.	Licentiate.		..	..	21	27	48	0	26	0	26	0	0	0	0	14	0	152	45
Robbinston	1811, Nov. 24	George Juchau, s. s.	1869, Mar. 3	1871, Nov. 26	3	..	30	69	99	34	1	2	3	1	2	0	3	0	0	65	60
St. Stephen	1846, Oct. 21	Edwin L. Foster.	1867, Oct. 4	1867, Oct. 4	5	5	27	83	0	19	5	2	7	0	0	0	0	2	4	105	480
Topsfield	1801, Nov. 6	(1) P. B. Shiere, s. s.	Licentiate.	1872.	..	..	10	21	31	8	1	2	3	1	0	0	1	1	0	75	58
Whiting	1833, Nov. 9	Wm. Vernscoten, s. s.	Licentiate.	1872, May 25	..	..	6	21	27	2	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	0	65	31
Whitneyville	1836, Dec. 7	Andrew Hagerman, s. s.	Licentiate.	1872, May 25	..	..	23	35	58	8	18	0	18	1	0	0	1	14	0	100	72
Twenty.		*2 Past., 13 S. S. = 15.*	*Av. Min'l &*	*Past'l age.*	12	8	381	941	1282	152	120	27	147	13	27	0	40	48	9	1732	$2321

Average as Stated Supply, one year. (1) Mr. Shiere, a part of the time at Jackson brook.

The SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING was held in Eastport, Oct. 24, 25, 1871. Dea. Peter C. Vose, of Dennysville, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, by Rev. Charles L. Guild, of Perry, John 17: 13,—"And now I come to thee," &c. Conference Sermon, by Rev. Reuben D. Osgood, of Topsfield, Judges 7: 7,—"By the three hundred men that lapped, will I save you." Topics for discussion,—1. What reasons can be given to account for the deplorable fact that the preaching of the gospel is attended with so little success in winning souls to Christ. 2. What should be the position of women in the church government, and in all church deliberations and exercises? Dea. J. R. Getchel presented the request of the new Congregational church in Marshfield, to be admitted to the Conference. That church was, by vote, accordingly received. The interests of the Classical School, Hallowell, were presented by Rev. Edgar L. Foster, of St. Stephen. The sacrament of the Supper administered by Revs. William Carruthers, of Calais, and Stephen Thurston, of Waldo Conference. On Tuesday evening, services connected with the ordination of E. A. & R. D. Osgood, were held.

THE FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING, in Machias, June 11, 12, 1872. Dea. George Peabody, of Eastport, *Moderator*. Devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. Wm. H. Gilbert, of Hartford, Conn. Sermon, by Rev. Webster K. Pierce, of Eastport. Topic for discussion,—How to make the prayer-meeting a power. Rev. U. Balkam gave twelve receipts for killing a prayer-meeting. On Tuesday afternoon, the 5 th Anniversary of the Washington Co. Bible Society was held; Rev. William Carruthers, of Calais, *President*. A historical sketch of the Society for the half century, was read by the Secretary, Rev. Charles Whittier, of Dennysville. Address, by Rev. Wm. H. Gilbert, agent of the Am. Bible Society. Rev. T. G. Moses gave the cordial greetings of the Christian Society and Conference. Only two of the original members of the Society are now living,—one at Cherryfield, and Dea. Peter Talbot, of Machias. A letter was read in Conference, conveying its remembrance of Rev. Edgar L. Foster, of St. Stephen, N. B., in his protracted illness. The Lord's Supper, administered by Rev. Uriah Balkam, supplying at St. Stephen, and Rev. T. F. Moses, delegate from the Passamaquoddy Christian Conference. The services of the ordination of Webster K. Pierce occupied a part of the first day. [Continued on p. 48.]

UNION CONFERENCE.—Continued from page 45.

Albany.—Rev. E. F. Borchers supplied two months, and returned to New Jersey, May, 1872. John E. Smith has a mission of three months. *Bridgton.*—The Church and Society have paid their debt of $4100, during the past year. Their church property has cost $18,000,—all raised at home within two years. *North Bridgton.*—The Ladies' Sewing Circle, which meets each fortnight, have already $500, as the results of their efforts, which is to be expended upon the interior of their church edifice. A quickened religious interest followed the week of prayer in January. The Pastor preached every evening for a time. *Fryeburg.*—A meeting in aid of the work of the American Bible Society was held in February, 1872, in connection with a visit of Rev. Wm. H. Gilbert, New England Agent. Collection, $1 6. *Harrison.*—Some religious interest. *Hiram.*—A meeting-house in process of erection, between the two villages. Hon. J. P. Hubbard contributed $500 towards it. At the General Conference in Skowhegan, some pledges were made in aid of the object. (p. 16.) Mr. Horace Leavitt, from Andover Seminary, has supplied a portion of the year. *Stowe and Chatham.*—The new meeting-house dedicated May 25, 1871. Dedicatory Prayer by Rev. David B. Swall, of Fryeburg; Sermon by Rev. William Clark, of Amherst, N. H., Secretary of the N. H. Missionary Society, Psalms 122: 6,—"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem," &c. Other parts by Revs. A. Blanchard, of South Bridgton, Edwin P. Wilson, of Bridgton, and Ernest F. Borcher, of Harrison, and Rev. J. Fiske, of the F. W. B. church. The structure has cost $5500, and is nearly paid for. The whole taxable property of the church is but $7000. A contribution was taken at conference, and it was recommended to the other churches that they aid in the completion of it. *Sweden.*—Dea. T. S. Perry, a *Licentiate*, has been supplying the church the past year. Some religious interest in February, 1872. *Waterford.*—SEMI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.—At the request of Union Association, Rev. John A. Douglass prepared a memorial address which was delivered at Waterford, Nov. 7, 1871, being the fiftieth anniversary of his settlement as Pastor of the church. The interesting exercises were participated in by Revs. Wellington Newell, of North Waterford, Addison Blanchard, of Bridgton, Edwin P. Wilson, of Bridgton, David Garland, of South Bethel. Reported in Bridgton News, Lewiston Journal, Nov. 11, and Ch. Mir. The address has been printed. It is a minute history of the town, as well as this church. The first settler came to Waterford in 1775. In 1789 a church was formed. Rev. Lincoln Ripley was ordained Pastor, 1799, the ordination taking place on a rock near the place where the meeting-house was built in 1801. The connection thus formed continued 32 years, until Nov. 7, 1821, when Mr Douglass was ordained. In 1836 the present house was built. During Mr. Douglass' ministry, 3) were added to the church the first year; 105 in 1832 (54 at one time); 52 in 1839; 40 in 1852. In 1865, thirty-two were dismissed to form a Second Cong'l Ch. in North Waterford.

On the Sabbath, 4th Feb., 1872, Mr. Douglass celebrated his 80th Birth-day, preaching a discourse and conducting other services appropriate to the occasion. Mrs. Lucy Abbot, wife of Rev. John A. Douglass, died April 23, 1872. Suddenly came the Master's call, and the sound of the chariot wheels was quickly heard. But the tried Corner-stone proved a sure foundation. Ob. Cong., May 2, and Ch. Mir.

E. N. Smith, of Bangor Seminary, and Rev. A. J. Smith, late of Rockport, have supplied the church portions of the year. Mr. Luther Houghton has been chorister 40 years, and is still in the service. *North Waterford.*—The church edifice has been furnished with a new bell. Hon. John Lynch, of Portland, contributed $100 towards it, May, 1872.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Albany, Dea. J. H. Lovejoy; Bridgton, Benjamin Cleaves; Bridgton, North, Moses Gould; Bridgton, South, Dea. Henry E. Warren; Brownfield, Cyrus Wentworth; Casco, Joseph Moors; Denmark, Dea. Wm. Davis; Fryeburg, G. S. Barrows; Harrison, Howard L. Sampson; Hiram, Peleg Wadsworth,; Lovell, J. F. Stearns; Naples, Nathan Church, jr.; Otisfield, Dea. Silas Morton, East Otisfield; Stow and Chatham, A. V. Stevens; Sweden, Humphrey Saunders; Waterford, Rev. John A. Douglass; Waterford, North, Rev. W. Newell.

Rev. Addison Blanchard, of South Bridgton, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.* Next meeting in Fryeburg, Oct. 29, 30, 1872.

UNION ASSOCIATION formed in South Bridgton, January 1, 1834,—meets the first Tuesday in March and September, and second Thursday in December. Rev. Addison Blanchard, of South Bridgton, *Scribe.* Met in North Waterford, Sept. 5, 1871; Bridgton, Dec. 12; Brownfield, March 5, 1872.

WALDO CONFERENCE.—Continued from page 46.

The annual meeting of the Waldo Bible Society was held in Belfast, March 17, 1872. Rev. C. Palfrey, of Belfast, *President:* William O. Poor, of Belfast, *Secretary.* Address by Rev. William H. Gilbert, agent of American Bible Society. A portion of the county has been canvassed by a colporteur, and families supplied by gift or sale. The remainder of the county is to be visited.

The Waldo Sabbath School Institute appointed at Belfast, Jan. 30, 31, 1872.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Belfast, 1st ch, B. B. Field; Belfast, North, Joshua Towle; Camden, Rev. H. A. Shorey; Frankfort, Upton Treat; Freedom, R. Elder; Jackson and Brooks, Rev. Albert N. Jones, Jackson; Rockport, N. T. Talbot; Sandy Point, J. B French; Searsport, 1st ch., Rev. J. E. Adams; Searsport, 2d ch., J. L. Park; Unity, Ephraim Murch; Winterport, John Campbell.

Rev. Joseph Kyte, of Sandy Point, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.* Next meeting in Frankfort, Oct. 8, 9, 1871.

WALDO ASSOCIATION, formed in Belfast, Nov. 10, 1830. Annual meeting in August. Assembles three times, in addition, during the year. Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Searsport, *Scribe.*

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.—Continued from page 47.

EDWARD A. OSGOOD (Bowdoin—Bangor, 1868) stated supply at East Machias, and REUBEN D. OSGOOD (Bangor, 1869) stated supply at Topsfield, were ordained as Evangelists, in Eastport, Oct. 24, 1871. Rev. Wm. Carruthers, *Moderator of the Council;* Rev. Edgar L. Foster, of St. Stephen, N. B., *Scribe.* Sermon, by Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Searsport, Secretary of the Maine Missionary Society; Ordaining Prayer, Rev. Charles Whittier, of Dennysville; Charge, by the Moderator: Right hand, by the Scribe. Mr. R. D. Osgood, stated supply at Kennebunkport, from 1871.

WEBSTER KELLEY PIERCE (Bangor, 1870) stated supply at Eastport, was ordained as Evangelist, in Machias, June 11, 1872. Rev. William Carruthers, of Calais, *Moderator of the Council;* Rev. Charles L. Guild, of Perry, *Scribe.* Devotional exercises, Rev. Wm. Oennsalvalin, of Whiting; Sermon, by the Moderator; Ordaining Prayer, by Rev. Uriah Balkam; Charge, by Rev. Charles Whittier, of Dennysville; Right hand, by the Scribe; Con. Prayer, Rev. T. G. Moses.

Rev. THOMAS T. MERRY, installed Pastor Center church, Machias, May 31, '72. Rev. U. Balkam, *Moderator of Council;* Dea. Peter E. Vose, of Dennysville, *Scribe.* (Council first called and met, June 13, but on account of some irregularities, council voted to adjourn to some future day.)

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[illegible] YORK CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, first Tuesday in June.—Organized in Buxton, October 1, 1822. Semi-annual Meeting, last Tuesday in October.

CHURCHES.—1872, May 5.		MINISTERS.			CHURCH MEM., May 5, 1872.						Admitted.—1871.			Removed.			Baptized.				
Place and Name.	*Organized.*	*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Inst. or S.S.*	*M.A*	*P.A*	*Mle*	*Fml*	*Tot*	*Abs*	*Prf*	*Let.*	*Tot*	*Dth*	*Dis*	*Ex.*	*Tot*	*Adl*	*Inf.*	*S.Sch*	*Cont.*
ston	1781, Sept. 18	Wm. S. Thompson, s. s.	1860, Oct. 17	1869, Jan. 1	12	..	18	39	57	14	5	2	7	1	3	0	4	3	1	70	$ 31
Alfred	1791, Sept. 8	Joseph Kyte.,	1862, Sept. 25	1871, Nov. 1	10	..	22	63	85	23	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	103	45
Biddeford, First	1730, April 30	Josiah W. Kingsbury, s. s.	1866, Jun. 28	1871, Oct. 1	6	..	21	49	70	14	0	0	0	5	2	0	7	0	0	6	40
Biddeford, Second	1805, May 1	John D. Emerson.	1858, Oct. 1	1868, Mar. 5	14	4	73	185	258	13	11	5	16	2	6	0	8	9	2	325	254
Biddeford, Pavilion	1857, Oct. 20	Andrew J. Rogers,	p. elect.	1872.	..	..	35	119	154	36	1	0	1	4	4	0	8	1	0	150	0
Buxton	1763, Mar. 16	Solomon Bixby, s. s.	1853, June 30	1871, Dec. 20	9	..	27	81	108	13	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	85	11
Buxton Center	1763, Mar. 16	Vacant.	.....	.....	..	..	16	42	58	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	32
Cornish Village	1840, Sept. 16	Albert Cole, s. s.	1847, Mar. 25	1858, July 4	25	..	21	46	67	16	3	0	3	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	60
Eliot	1721, June 22	Benj. T. Sanborn, s. s.	1864, Feb. 5	1870, July 1	8	..	15	43	58	7	3	0	3	1	0	0	1	3	0	70	34
Kennebunk, Union	1826, Aug. 15	Walter E. Darling.	1862, May 20	1866, Mar. 2	10	6	*16	60	76	18	1	0	1	2	2	0	4	0	0	70	600
Kennebunkport, First	1730, Nov.	Wm. A. Merrill, s. s.	1852, Oct. 27	1871, Apr. 1	20	..	15	41	56	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	38
Kennebunkport, South	1838, Jan. 10	Reuben D. Osgood, s. s.	1871, Oct. 24	1872, Jan. 1	1	..	12	39	51	8	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
Kittery, First	1714, Nov. 4	Samuel S. Drake, s. s.	1834, Oct. 15	1868, Nov. 1	37	..	6	17	23	5	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	35	20
Lebanon	1765, Jan. 24	John Parsons.	1857, May 14	1869, Nov. 9	15	2	21	31	52	20	1	0	1	3	0	0	3	1	0	50	100
Limerick	1795, July 5	Thomas N. Lord, s. s.	1837, Aug. 10	1871, July 1	25	..	28	59	87	24	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	40	11
Limington	1789, Oct. 11	Samuel W. Pearson, s. s.	1870, Nov. 9	1869, June 1	2	..	26	63	89	16	1	0	1	3	1	0	4	1	0	112	36
Lyman	1801, Dec. 2	Henry G. Arnold, s. s.	1871, Sept. 27	1871, May 27	..	..	36	59	95	28	0	1	1	2	2	0	4	0	0	90	164
Newfield, West	1801, July 1	George S. Kemp, s. s.	1856, Feb. 28	1864, June 26	16	..	19	35	54	12	3	0	3	1	1	0	2	1	1	60	37
Parsonsfield	1795, Jan. 7	Vacant.	No preaching.		..	..	3	6	9	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Saco, First	1762, Oct. 13	Benson M. Frink.	1862, Jan. 9	1870, June 30	10	2	60	156	216	50	3	5	8	2	4	0	6	0	0	100	270
Sanford	1786, July 19	Elias Chapman, s. s.	1845, Nov. 26	1871, Nov. 1	26	..	17	32	49	12	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	25	5
Sanford, South	1786, July 19	Albert Bushnell, s. s.	Licentiate.	1872, May 11	..	..	9	24	33	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	20
Shapleigh	1823, Oct. 23	No preaching.	No ordinances.		..	..	2	6	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Berwick	1702, June 4	Silvanus Hayward.	1861, Oct. 9	1866, May 10	10	6	26	85	111	25	0	0	0	2	6	0	8	0	0	110	1250
Wells, First	1701, Oct. 29	Lewis Goodrich, s. s.	1850, Jan. 1	1868, Mar. 7	22	..	44	104	148	22	1	1	2	2	1	0	3	0	0	130	85
Wells, Second	1831, Oct. 23	Benj. Southworth, s. s.	1858, Feb. 24	1870, Oct. 1	14	..	34	62	96	12	7	4	11	1	2	0	3	4	3	75	142
York, First	1672, Dec. 3	Benj. W. Pond.	1862, June 21	1870, Sept. 28	10	2	20	72	92	21	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	2	0	75	230
York, Second	1732.	Joseph Freeman, s. s.	1844, Mar. 10	1869, Aug. 1	28	..	13	31	44	12	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	40	36
Twenty-eight.		*7 Past., 18 S. S.=25.*	*Av. Min'l & Past'l Age.*		15	3	555	1649	2304	455	42	23	65	39	40	0	79	27	9	1950	$3551

Average as Stated Supply, three years.

*Past errors corrected.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Rev. Alvan Tobey, South Berwick, ordained in Durham, N. H., 1833, Nov. 20.

YORK ASSOCIATION, organized in Arundel (now Kennebunkport), October 27, 1817; meets on the first Tuesday of February and May, and the last Tuesday in September. Rev. John D. Emerson, of Biddeford, *Scribe*. Met in York, September 26, 1871; in Kennebunkport, February 6, 1872; in Limington, May 7. Sermon, by Rev. Henry T. Arnold.

The ministers in South Berwick, Elliot, York, and Kittery are connected with the PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION, formed in Kittery, October 24, 1871. Annual Meeting third Tuesday in April; other meetings on the third Tuesday of July, October, and January. Rev. Silvanus Hayward, of South Berwick, *Scribe*.

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WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.—Continued from page 48.

Council met July 31, 1872, at 2 P. M. Rev. Edward R. Osgood, of East Machias, *Moderator*; Dea. Peter E. Vose, of Dennysville, *Scribe*. Services of Installation,—Introductory, Rev. S. H. Beale, of the Methodist church, Machias; Sermon, Rev. Geo. W. Field, of Central church, Bangor,—Text, Neh. 2:17. "Come, let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach. Installing Prayer by the Moderator; Charge, Rev. Charles Whittier, of Dennysville; Right hand, Rev. Charles L. Guild, of Perry; Concluding Prayer, John J. Blair, of Princeton; Benediction, by Pastor.

Rev. GEORGE JUCHAU, stated supply at Robbinston, from Nov. 26, 1871. Mr. J. is a native of London, England, acquiring his preliminary education there. Graduated at Oberlin, Ohio, August, 1860. Licensed by the Cleveland Congregational Conference, Ohio, Nov. 2, 1859. Supplied two churches in Ohio, until July, 1862. Returned to England, and labored in the ministry at Park Chapel, London, and vicinity, until 1868. By persuasion, he came back to Ohio, and was ordained at North Ridgeville, March 3, 1869.

Rev. THOMAS E. BARB, formerly of Eastport, installed Pastor, Norton, Mass., Sept. 20, 1871. Rev. T. Atkinson, of Michigan, was stated supply in Machias for a portion of the year. The church extended to him a call, but he declined it, and closed his labors, Nov. 26, 1871; accepted a call to Norton, Mass., April, 1872. Rev. W. T. Dickson (in Eastport, 1853–5), at Wolf Creek, Pa., Feb., 1872. Rev. Philo B. Wilcox, of Bluehill, supplied for a time during the winter at East Machias. Richard B. Small, *Licentiate*, is stated supply at Steuben; commission from Maine Missionary Society.

CHURCH ORGANIZED in Marshfield, Sept. 14, 1871. Rev. Wm. Carruthers, of Calais, *Mod. of Council*; Dea. Leonard Peabody, of Princeton, *Scribe*. Forty-three members constituted the church. Seventeen by letter, from the church in Machias; twenty-six received on profession of faith. Public services,—Reading Scriptures, by Robert Dolg, of Whitneyville; Prayer, George W. Labaw, of Whiting; Sermon, Rev. Henry F. Harding, John 8:12; Reading Articles of Faith, and reception, Rev. C. Whittier, of Dennysville; administration of the Lord's Supper, by Rev. Gilman Bacheller, of Machiasport, and the Moderator. The church expect soon to build a meeting-house. "Nearly all the churches have gained in membership; total gain in the conference 101. The revivals in Whitneyville, Northfield, Marshfield, and Wesley, nearly banished profanity, card-playing, and intemperance from the lumbering camps on the Machias River, during the past winter. The state of the churches was never more favorable than now."—*Scribe*.

Calais.—New meeting-house now building, of brick. A new system of ventilation adopted, furnishing an exit and entrance of air at the top and bottom of each of the four buttresses. Farewell services were held in the old church edifice, May 26. Reported Ch. Mir., June 11. *Cooper*.—Rev. Charles Whittier, of Dennysville, preached here the last Sabbath in Sept., 1871, and received several new converts to membership in the church. P. B. Shiere, *Licentiate*, supplied three and one-half months from July 1, 1871, and for two months, half of each Sabbath in Meddybemps. *Lubec*.—This church organized Sept. 1, 1818, has now only two members,—both females, and both old and feeble. It is dropped from the list of churches, by the Scribe of Washington Conference. *East Machias*.—The church edifice enlarged, and a new organ purchased. The ladies are meeting with success in their efforts to procure a $2,200 bell, January, 1872. *Northfield*.—The church has more than doubled its membership. One marked feature of the revival it enjoyed, was the number of heads of families brought under the power of the truth. Edward Lodewick, *Licentiate*, supplied three months from July 1, 1871; Reuben Dolg, *Licentiate*, one month from Sept. 1, 1871. *Princeton*.—Added to the church, 26 by profession, and two by letter, March, 1872. The results of the religious interest is abiding. Rev. Joseph E. Walker, *Licentiate*, supplied four months from Nov. 24, 1871. *Topsfield, Jackson Brook, and Dunforth*.—Rev. Reuben D. Osgood, supplied six months from July 1 1871. *Whiting*.—Geo. W. Labaw, *Licentiate*, supplied three months from July 1, 1871. *Whitneyville*.—Added to the church during the year, 18. They hope soon to complete their meeting-house. John W. Schenck, *Licentiate*, supplied three months from July 1, 1871.

Richard B. Snell, *Licentiate*, labored in Steuben three months.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Alexander, Dea. Isaac P. Crafts; Calais, A. L. Clapp; Cherryfield, J. A. Nickels; Cooper, Asaph Sawyer; Dennysville, Dea. Peter E. Vose; Eastport, David Perkins; Jonesboro', ; Machias, Daniel Longfellow; Machias, East, C. H. Seavey; Machiasport, J. F. Sanborne; Northfield, Geo. W. Smith; Pembroke, Cushing Wilder; Perry, Chas. S. Davis; Princeton, Dea. Leonard Peabody; Robbinston, Dea. Thomas Brewer; St. Stephen, N. B., S. H. Hitchings; Topsfield, Mrs. L. Crabtree; Whiting, Mrs. Cornelia A. Chase; Whitneyville, Dea. N. Bacheller.

Rev. Charles Whittier, of Dennysville, *Scribe of Conference*; Dea. Geo. A. Peabody, of Eastport, *Treasurer*. Next Meeting in Princeton, October 15, 16, 1872.

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION.—Times of meeting, June and October. Sub-associations more frequently. Rev. Charles Whittier, of Dennysville, *Scribe*.

YORK CONFERENCE.—Continued from page 49.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING in Limington, Oct. 24, 25, 1871. Rev. Silvanus Hayward, of South Berwick, *Moderator*. Sermons.—Tuesday, A. M., Rev. Benjamin W. Pond, of York, Matt. 5: 13,—"The salt of the earth." Tuesday evening, Rev. Addison Blanchard, of Union Conference, 2 Cor. 5: 11,—"The terror of the Lord." Wednesday, P. M., Rev. Joseph Kyte, of Alfred, Eph. 3: 15,—"Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named." Discussions: 1. Revivals; what is a revival, their importance, obstacles to them, means of promoting them. 2. Prayer-meetings; how make them more interesting and profitable. 3. What is a Christian? what his work and his reward? The opening of this topic was occupied in the repeating of passages of Scripture relating to the subject; participated in by brethren and sisters all over the house. "The Lord's Supper at last, the way for which had been prepared, was the closing scene of a refreshing and profitable meeting." *Scribe*. Ch. Mir., Nov. 14.

THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY AND JUBILEE commemoration of the organization of the Conference, was held June 4, 5, 1872, in Buxton Center, where it was formed. Rev. Silvanus Hayward, *Moderator*. At an early hour, an unusually large number of the friends and former members of the Conference, some of whom now reside out of the State, assembled at the church.

Rev. Thomas N. Lord, of Limerick, preached the Historical Sermon, which will in due time be published, together with other historical sketches of the churches, the origin of the Conference, and brief memorial, by Rev. John D. Emerson, Biddeford, of deceased ministers of the Conference. Addresses by Revs. Albert Cole, of Cornish, Silvanus Hayward, of South Berwick, and Hon. Joseph Titcomb, of Kennebunkport. No one could witness the services of this occasion without having his veneration of those godly and worthy men excited, who lived and labored for Christ and his cause fifty years ago, and who conceived the idea, and developed it in the form of a Conference of Churches. Nearly all the churches were represented, and are now supplied with preaching,—two only are without a supply. There has been no time for many years when these churches have been better supplied with able, faithful, earnest preachers, than at the present. Some of the churches have enjoyed something more than the ordinary measure of the Spirit's presence with them during the past winter. *Scribe.* Ch. Mir., June 11.

Rev. HENRY TUCKER ARNOLD (Brown, 1866, Andover, 1871). Ordained as an Evangelist in Lyman, Sept 27, 1871. Rev. Albert Cole, of Cornish, *Moderator of Council;* Rev. Wm. A. Merrill, of Kennebunkport, *Scribe.* Public services,—Voluntary by the choir; Reading Scriptures, by the Scribe; Prayer, Rev. Charles Munger, of Meth. ch.; Hymn 429, Watts' (Select); Sermon, by the Moderator, 1 Tim. 3: 1,—The office of a bishop,—a good work. Ordaining Prayer and Right-hand of Fellowship, by Rev. John D. Emerson, of Biddeford; Chant by the choir; Charge, by Rev. Thomas N. Lord, of Limerick; Anthem; Prayer, Rev. Marcus Wight, of the Meth. ch.; Benediction, Rev. H. T. Arnold. Mr. A. has been stated supply in Lyman, from May 27, 1871.

Rev. JOSEPH KYTE (Bangor, 1862); installed Pastor of the church in Alfred, Nov. 1, 1871. Rev. John D. Emerson, of Biddeford, *Moderator of Council;* Rev. Henry T. Arnold, of Lyman, *Scribe.* Reading the Scriptures, Rev. J. A. Ferguson, of Baptist church, Alfred; Prayer, Rev. Samuel W. Pearson, of Limington; Sermon, by the Moderator, Col. 1: 28,—"Whom we preach," &c. Ordaining Prayer, Rev. Albert Cole, of Cornish; Hymn; Charge, Rev. Benson M. Frink, of Saco; Right-hand, Rev. Abiel H. Wright, of St. Lawrence street Church, Portland; Address to People, Rev. Walter F. Darling, of Kennebunk; Hymn; Prayer by the Scribe; Benediction.

Rev. SAMUEL H. MERRILL, of Portland, stated supply in Scarboro', Oak Hill, from Aug., 1871.

Rev. JOSIAH WEARE KINGSBURY (Dartmouth, 1862,—Princton, 1865), stated supply in First church, Biddeford, from Aug., 1871. His engagement terminates Oct. 1, 1872, when he expects to remove to North Reading, Mass., having received and accepted a call from the church in that place. Mr. K. was licensed, by White River Association, Vt., in July, 1865; Ordained Pastor in Quechee, Vt., June 28, 1866; Dis. Sept. 28, 1869. Installed at North Woodstock, Conn., Nov. 24, 1869; Dis. Feb. 21, 1871.

Rev. ELIAS CHAPMAN, formerly of Newfield and Lebanon, to supply the church in Sanford.

Rev. REUBEN D. OSGOOD (Bangor, 1869), acting Pastor of the South Church, Kennebunkport, from Jan. 1, 1872.

Rev. ANDREW JACKSON ROGERS (Brown, 1867, Andover, 1870), of Concord, Mass., commenced his labors with the Third Church (Pavilion) Biddeford, April 14, 1872, expecting to be ordained Pastor in the autumn.

Rev. SOLOMON BIXBY, formerly of Kenduskeag, S. S. at Buxton, from May 1, 1872.

Rev. ALVAN TOBEY (Amherst, 1828, Andover, 1831), after an active and faithful ministry of nearly 40 years, in Durham, N. H., has come to reside in South Berwick, preaching occasionally, as opportunity offers.

Rev. CHARLES H. GATES preached his farewell sermon in Buxton, Oct. 1, 1871. His new field of labor is in Somerville, Conn.

Rev. JOHN W. SAVAGE, S. S. at Kennebunkport, South, from April, 1870, resigned his charge Oct. 1, 1871, supplying Belknap Church, Dover, N. H.

Rev. JOSEPH SMITH closed his labors in Buxton Center, Nov. 1871, and removes to Minot. Rev. Charles Tenney, formerly of Pavilion Church, Biddeford, installed Pastor, Chester, N. H., Aug., 1871. Sermon by his brother, Rev. Sewell Tenney, of Ellsworth.—Rev. Ludwig Wolfson, formerly of First Church, Biddeford, 1870, '71, S. S. at Fergus Falls, Minn., under commission from the American Home Missionary Society. There are Danes residing there, and as their fellow countryman, he is able to preach in German as well as in English, Aug., 1872. Since then, has been obliged to abstain from labor on account of his health, May, 1872.—Rev. Benjamin G. Page, formerly of Lebanon, 1865, accepts call to Forest Grove, Wis., Sept., 1871. A daughter (Sarah L.), died at Milton Mills, N. H., Jan., 1872, aged 33.—Rev. Thomas L. Ellis (Kittery, 1868), installed Pastor, Paxton, Mass., Sept. 26, 1871. A discourse by him on the observance of the Sabbath, delivered before Worcester Central Conference, has been published, 14 pp.—Rev. James R. Bourne, in Scarboro', 1833-5, has left West Rutland, Vt., March 22, 1872.

Alfred.—The chapel erected in Alfred, by the munificence of W. G. Conant, dedicated Feb. 22, 1872. Sermon by the Pastor, Rev. Joseph Kyte. A Parsonage is nearly completed. Union meetings in connection with the Methodist Church, held during the winter. A minister's meeting held every Monday afternoon from April, 1872. Services held in the jail at Alfred, for the benefit of the prisoners, aided by young men from the Biddeford Young Men's Christian Association. *Biddeford* (First Church).—A bequest of $500 received from the late Mary Cleaves, of Hallowell. (Second Church). Meetings held in the new vestry from Sept., 1871, until the main body of the house is finished, which will be in Oct., 1872, at a cost in all of $16,000. Members have been added to the church at every communion. Deacons are chosen to act for a term of four years, one being elected each year. A Sermon by the Pastor, Rev. J. D. Emerson, preached to his people, published in the Union and Journal, Jan. 19, 1872. (Third Church, Pavilion). Rev. Edw. P. Thwing, of Portland, temporarily supplied this church during the winter. Rev. D. E. Adams, of Milton, N. H., supplied in July, 1872. A Christmas Festival held. A course of Sabbath evening lectures on Temperance was delivered in the winter, alternating in the churches. Meetings of the Young Men's Christian Association well attended. Religious interest increased. *Limerick.*—Church edifice repaired. *Limington.*—A visit to the acting Pastor, Rev. S. W. Pearson, from friends, with gifts, was made doubly pleasant by the presence of their former Pastor, Rev. A. H. Johnson, March, 1872. Four hundred dollars have been expended in repairs upon the meeting-house, and $150 besides labor, upon the parsonage. *Newfield.*—An effort making to build a new house of worship. *Saco.*—Second Sabbath service changed to 6½ P. M. $200 realized from a Christmas festival. *Sanford.* The church edifice at the Corner repaired and re-modeled, "presenting a neat appearance." *South Berwick.*—Measures are taking to raise their house of worship, put a vestry beneath

it, and remodel and refurnish the building. *York* (First Church).—A praise-m
Sabbath evening, August 6, 1871, the ministers of the three parishes, and visit
Beach taking part in the service,—house crowded.

Some religious interest is reported in Elliot, Kennebunkport, and Wells.

The Old Saco Bible Society has been revived, and a Depository is to be establis
1872, a union meeting was held, addressed by Rev. Wm. H. Gilbert, Agt. M. B. S

York County Sabbath School Institute appointed to be held in Alfred, Jan. 25.

Sixth annual meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association of Maine, hel
Sept. 26, 27, 1871. Young Men's Christian Association formed in North Berwick.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Acton, Rev. Wm. S. Thompson; Alfred, Thoma
ford, 1st ch., Dea. T. D. Emery; Biddeford, 2d ch., Dr. T. Haley; Biddeford, Pa
H. Small; Buxton, Geo. G. Davis; Buxton Center, Rev. S. Bixby; Cornish, Rev.
Rev. Benj. T. Sanborn; Kennebunk, Union, Rev. Walter E. Darling; Kennebunk
A. Merrill; Kennebunkport, South, Rev. Reuben D. Osgood; Kittery Point, R
Lebanon, Dea. John E. Moody, Lebanon Center; Limerick, Rev. Thomas N. L
Leonard J. Strout; Lyman, Dimon Roberts; Newfield, West, Rev. George S. Ken
H. G. O. Smith; Saco, Dominicus Jordan; Sanford, Wm. L. Emery; Sanford, S
Moulton; Shapleigh, James Coffin, *Treas.*; South Berwick, Rev. Silvanus Hayw
ch., Rev. Lewis Goodrich; Wells, 2d ch., Rev. Benj. Southworth; York, 1st ch.,
Pond; York, 2d ch., Rev. Joseph Freeman.

Rev. Andrew J. Rogers, of Biddeford, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference;* Re
Pond, Wells, *Reporter*. Next semi-annual meeting in Elliot, Oct. 29, 30, 1872.

MINISTERS INSTALLED AS PASTORS DURING THE YEAR ENDING

Rev. Francis F. Ford	Pine Street church, Lewiston	June 22, 1871	Minutes
Rev. Gilbert B. Richard'n	Cumberland Center	Aug. 29, 1871	Minutes
Rev. John W. H. Baker	First church, Brewer	Aug. 31, 1871	Minutes
Rev. Leavitt Bartlett	North Yarmouth	Sept. 1, 1871	Minutes
Rev. George N. Marden	Farmington	Oct. 24, 1871	Minutes
Rev. Joseph Kyte	Alfred	Nov. 1, 1871	Minutes
Rev. Edwin A. Harlow	No. & So. chs., Cape Elizabeth	Nov. 21, 1871	Minutes
Rev. Charles L. Nichols	Brownville	Feb. 20, 1872	Minutes

ORDAINED—YEAR ENDING MAY 5, 1872.

Rev. Alvin B. Jordan	Pastor, Cong. church, Turner	Sept. 20, 1871	Mi
Rev. Henry T. Arnold	Evangelist, Lyman	Sept. 27, 1871	Mi
Rev. Edward R. Osgood	Evangelist, Eastport	Oct. 24, 1871	Mi
Rev. Reuben D. Osgood	Evangelist, Eastport	Oct. 24, 1871	Mi
Rev. William H. Rand	Evangelist, Oldtown	Jan'y 17, 1872	Mi
Rev. Albert N. Jones	Pastor, Jackson and Brooks	Feb'y 8, 1872	Mi

DISMISSED—YEAR ENDING MAY 5, 1872.

Rev. Charles Tenney	Pavilion (3d) church, Biddeford	May 22, 1871	Minutes,
Rev. Smith Baker	First church, Orono	June 22, 1871	Minutes,
Rev. Uriah Balkam	Pine Street church, Lewiston	June 22, 1871	Minutes,
Rev. Charles C. Parker	First church, Gorham	Sept. 23, 1871	Minutes,
Rev. Ernest F. Borchers	Chs. No. Bridgton & Harrison	Oct. 3, 1871	Minutes,
Rev. Wm. A. Spaulding	Second church, Newcastle	Oct. 9, 1871	Minutes,
Rev. Charles L. Nichols	Cong. church, Pownal	Oct. 23, 1871	Minutes,
Rev. William F. Obear	West church, Portland	Jan. 2, 1872	Minutes,
Rev. George Harris, jr.	High Street church, Auburn	Jan. 15, 1872	Minutes,
Rev. Thomas T. Merry	Second church, Norway	Apr. 25, 1872	Minutes,

RESIGNED, OR ASKED DISMISSION—AUGUST, 1871, TO JULY,

Rev. Gilb't B. Richardson	First church, Newcastle	August, 1871	Mi
Rev. Charles H. Gates	Buxton	October, 1871	Mi
Rev. John W. Savage	Kennebunkport, South	October, 1871	Mi
Rev. Alpha Morton	West Auburn	Novem., 1871	Mi
Rev. Joseph Smith	Buxton Center	Novem., 1871	Mi
Rev. Abram Maxwell	Pownal	Decem., 1871	Mi
Rev. Thomas E. Brastow	Orland	January, 1872	Mi
Rev. Samuel Harrison	Fourth church, Portland	March, 1872	Mi
Rev. James J. Bell	Phipsburg	April, 1872	Mi
Rev. Jonas Burnham	Wilton	April, 1872	Mi
Rev. Benjamin P. Snow	North Yarmouth	April, 1872	Mi
Rev. Edward F. Cutter	Rockland	May, 1872	Mi
Rev. Edward P. Baker	Winthrop	May, 1872	Mi
Rev. Edwin P. Wilson	Bridgton	May, 1872	Mi
Rev. Edwin S. Tingley	Brownfield	June, 1872	Mi
Rev. James Cameron	Greenville	July, 1872	Mi

SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 5, 1872.

General Conference organized in Portland, January 10, 1826.

COUNTY CONFERENCES.	No. of Churches in Conference.	Pastors.	Stated Supplies	Licentiates.	Tot. Past., S. S. and Licentiates	Average Ministerial age.	Average Pastoral age.	Average age Stated Supply.	Members, May 5, 1872. Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	Admitted. Profess'n.	Letter.	Total.	Removed. Deaths.	Dismiss'n	Excluded	Total.	Baptisms. Adults.	Infants.	Total.	Number in Sabbath Schools.	Contributions in the Churches.
Aroostook	13	0	7	8	7	12	0	1	127	224	351	61	10	3	13	5	6	0	11	7	0	7	659	$ 102
Cumberland	39	16	11	4	27	17	6	4	1,481	3,344	4,825	1,013	139	112	251	87	126	5	218	69	44	113	4,928	16,142
Franklin	10	2	6	2	8	21	5	6	274	445	719	184	14	10	24	17	43	0	60	2	6	8	926	821
Hancock	13	4	8	4	12	20	15	2	301	705	1,006	183	22	2	24	18	8	0	26	4	5	9	1,240	2,827
Kennebec	15	2	4	3	6	18	6	7	330	917	1,247	310	14	13	27	28	21	0	49	6	9	15	1,279	2,772
Lincoln and Sagadahoc	22	7	10	2	17	17	10	4	539	1,516	2,055	386	30	12	42	51	36	1	88	20	13	33	1,962	3,362
Oxford	15	3	6	2	9	22	14	7	279	647	926	217	18	4	22	18	22	1	41	10	5	15	920	774
Penobscot	16	6	6	4	12	20	5	3	475	1,104	1,579	326	29	24	53	27	36	0	63	19	20	39	2,105	5,176
Piscataquis	10	3	4	1	7	15	12	2	234	440	674	124	64	14	78	13	10	0	23	41	3	44	600	740
Somerset	12	1	7	4	8	23	14	7	194	391	585	128	11	7	18	11	13	0	24	8	4	12	865	649
Union	17	4	8	8	12	16	22	2	403	755	1,158	235	17	8	25	21	15	1	37	12	5	17	1,171	1 333
Waldo	12	3	6	6	9	7	4	1	209	542	751	118	12	5	17	16	9	1	26	7	3	10	890	1,017
Washington	20	2	13	6	15	12	8	1	381	901	1,282	152	120	27	147	13	27	0	40	48	9	57	1,732	2,321
York	28	7	18	1	25	15	3	3	655	1,649	2,304	455	42	23	65	39	40	0	79	27	9	36	1,950	3.551
Fourteen.	242	60	114	55	174				5,882	13,580	19,462	3,892	542	294	836	364	412	9	785	280	135	415	21,227	$41,587

The church in Mansfield, added, p. 50. Church in Lubec, organized 1818, Sept 1.—reported "extinct," p. 50.

Adding thirty-two ordained ministers without pastoral charge, not in the TABLES, and deducting one who was stated supply in more than one Conference, the whole number of ministers is one hundred and sixty-eight. Number of licentiates, fifty-five Ministers dismissed, ten. Pastors installed, eight. Pastors ordained, two. Evangelists ordained, four. Ministers deceased, two; formerly residing in the State, deceased, thirteen.

Average ministerial age of all ordained ministers in the State, eighteen years; of the thirty-two who have no pastoral charge, twenty-five years. Average time of settlement of sixty over the churches of which they are now pastors, 7½ years. Average time of settlement of one hundred and fourteen stated supplies, 2½ years. Average time to each Conference may be seen in the above table.

The number received by profession and letter, 806. Removed by death, dismission, and exclusion, 785. Additions above removals, 21. Baptisms, 415. Contributions, $41,587,—including legacies,—$50,000. Total membership, 19,462. Non-residents, 3,892. Number in Sabbath Schools, 21,227,—decrease from last year, 383.

Decrease of total membership from last year, 242. Decrease in eleven Conferences, viz.: Cumberland, 123; Franklin, 36; Hancock, 15; Kennebec, 87; Lincoln and Sagadahoc, 60; Oxford, 21; Penobscot, 52; Somerset, 1; Union, 12; Waldo, 28; York, 4.—total, 389. Increase in three Conferences, viz.: Aroostook, 3; Piscataquis, 43; Washington, 101,—total, 147.

While the total membership of the churches shows a decrease of 242, the actual additions, above the removals, were 21. The discrepance is owing to some error in the total number of members returned by the churches. It is important that the Scribes of churches should see that their returns agree with the previous year,—adding the receptions, and deducting the removals for the year, for which they report. Non-resident members should be included in the total number of members belonging to the church.

Of the contributions, $15,000 was for Home Missions; $1,800, Am. Home Miss. Soc.; $22,000, for Foreign Missions,—of which $1,000 for Mission Schools; $800 for Woman's Board; $200 for Mexico, Europe, &c.; $4,000 for American Missionary Association; $2,000 Am. Bible Society; $500 Am. Education Society; $2,000 American Tract Society; $1,200. Seamen; $500 Am. Colonization Society; $450 Am. Congregational Association; $362 Am. Congregational Union.

LICENTIATES,

With their field of labor, and reference to the page of the Conference in which they were located.

Asher Anderson.....Hiram....44
D. R. Atkins.....Albany....44
George W. Barber (resident).....Augusta....35
F. E. Bayley.....Benton....35
Aaron N. Benson.....New Vineyard....33
John Justin Blair.....Princeton....47
John C. Boals.....Washington....36
John W. Brownhill.....Kenduskeag....40
Albert Bushnell.....South Sanford....49
E. P. Butler.....Frankfort....46
Truman D. Childs.....Monmouth....35
Andrew L. Buttrew.....Medway....27
Jas. H. Chalmers..Patten & Island Falls....27
John R. Chalmers..No. Bangor & Veazie.27, 40
Thomas M. Davies.....Orland ...34
John Scott Copp.....Mechanic Falls....30
James H. Crosby.....Lincoln....27
R. Henry Davis.....Belfast....46
Frederic E. Emric.....Burlington....27
Edward A. Ford.....Greenville... 42
B. F. Grant.....Passadumkeag....27
Daniel W. Hardy.....Presque Isle....27
C. E. Harrington..Greenbush & Olamon....27
A. Hazeman..Marshfield & Whitneyville....47
L. W. Hinks.....Canaan....43
Aaron M. Hills.....East Madison....43
Aaron M. Hobbs.....South Solon....43
George W. Kelley....2d Church, Norway....39
George W. Labaw.....Cooper....47
George C. Lamb.....New Vineyard....33
B. F. Leavitt, Williston Chapel, Portland....39
Horace G. Leavitt.....Hiram....44
Benj. B. Merrill, Bingham and the Forks....43
J. Lewis Merrill.....Farmington Falls....33
John N. McLoney.....Trenton Narrows....34
Nicholas Pearse.....Albany....44
H. M. Perkins....S. W. Harbor, Tremont....34
George T. Pierce, West Church, Portland....25
Truman S. Perry.....Sweden....44
Howard W. Pope....1st Church, Norway....39
Thomas H. Rich (resident).....Lewiston....40
Wm. M. Salter.....Mt. Desert....32
Ferd. S. Schenck....Freedom & Dresden....46
P. B. Shiere..Topsfield & Jackson Brook....45
Richard B. Snell.....Steuben....50
Charles N. Sinnott.....Bailey's Island....30
John E. Smith.....Albany....44
Wm. E. Spear.....Moose River....43
Thomas L. Springer..... Freedom....46
Benjamin Stearns (resident).....Lovell....44
Richard S. Stanley (resident)...Lewiston....28
M. D. Stone.....Casco....44
Clarendon A. Stone.....Brewer Hill and East Orrington.....40
Daniel Stover.....Brooksville....34
Arthur H. Tebbetts...Bluehill & Wash'n....36
Wm. N. Todd.....North Belfast....46
John H. Wyckoff.....Northfield....47
Wm. Veenschoten.....Whiting....47

Twenty of the above are from the Bangor Theological Seminary; others from Union, Yale Princeton, and Andover.

BIBLE SOCIETIES IN MAINE.

BIBLE SOCIETIES.	PLACE OF DEPOSITORY.	BY WHOM KEPT.
Androscoggin County	Lewiston	M. French.
Aroostook County	Houlton	P. H. Berry.
Bangor Young Men's	Bangor	E. F. Duren.
Brunswick	Brunswick	Jordan Snow.
Bucksport, union	Bucksport	Edward Swasey.
Castine, &c., union	Castine	Samuel Adams.
Cumberland County	Portland	Bailey & Noyes.
Deer Isle	Deer Isle	H. R. Haskell.
Eastern Maine Association	Bluehill	Mrs. Thomas.
Franklin County	Farmington	Rev. John Allen.
Hancock and Union River	Ellsworth	J. W. Jones.
Kennebec County	Augusta	David Cargill.
Lincoln County	Bath	A. C. Palmer.
Oxford Conference	South Paris	H. N. Bolster.
Piscataquis County	Dover	M. W. Hall.
Saco	Saco	M. Lock.
Somerset County	Skowhegan	A. R. Bixby.
Union Conference	Bridgton	B. C. Storer.
Waldo County	Belfast	H. G. Washburn.
Warren	Warren	I. P. Starrett.
Washington County	Dennysville	Wm. Allen.
York County	Alfred	William G. Conant.

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REPORTS.

ON THE NATIONAL COUNCIL.

A report from the National Council embraces two divisions, viz.:—the facts of the council, and remarks upon those facts. The facts in this paper will be mainly taken for granted, and remarks will be presented explanatory and critical. The general effect upon those attending, and through them upon the churches they represented, was stimulating, unifying, broadening, deepening, elevating, and inspiring. It was good to be there. If this had been all, it was a *paying* enterprise.

Maine men, as instructed, unanimously desired the name Conference, and had the vote been taken at the outset, a large majority would probably have voted Conference, inasmuch as that expresses just what the thing is, while Council has already been appropriated to a very different use in our Congregational system. But Western men pleaded so earnestly against Conference, feeling that it would be an injury to the denomination there, that others yielded. In the circumstances it seems that it would have been better to have followed our English and Canadian brethren and to have called it Union.

The expression of agreement in belief has been one of the most fertile subjects for discussion and misapprehension since the adjournment of Council. Let us see what it is. "They" (the churches) "agree in belief that the Holy Scriptures are the sufficient and only infallible rule of religious faith and practice; their interpretation thereof being in substantial accordance with the great doctrines of the Christian faith commonly called evangelical, held in our churches from the early times, and sufficiently set forth by former general Councils." As two persons standing in different places do not see the same outline of the same mountain, so no idea, or expression of an idea comes to any two minds precisely alike. Yet there must be some general meaning or intent in these words, as there is one general character to the same mountain though viewed in different lights.

In considering the agreement notice first, *It is not a Creed.* The Council had no power to establish a Creed. A State Conference or County Conference, adopting a Creed for its several churches, thereby violates the fundamental idea of Congregationalism. Nobody but a local church, acting in its church capacity, has anything to do with making Creeds. For that reason, the reference to former Councils seems unfortunate. As Congregationalists, we recognize no *authority* in any general Council or record, save the first held at Jerusalem, Bishop James presiding. As Congregationalists we can admit no possible ecclesiastical authority save that of the particular church to which we individually belong. It is proper, however, that any voluntary association should adopt some basis of union, stating what points of agreement have brought its members together. Such is the design of this statement. It does not promulgate a law. It simply states an ex-

isting fact. Nor is it easy to see why Congregationalists should seriously object to the statement. For their particular churches they may desire and adopt as definite and full a creed as they choose. But evidently here is nothing inconsistent with what all Congregationalists believe. It contains no more than all agree to. Nor does it seem reasonable that for the general Christian purposes of the Council, any one should be unwilling to associate with representatives from churches who adopt as much as this. That the Council intended (whatever its officials may since have said) to announce a basis broad enough to receive all evangelical churches of Congregational polity, is evident from its action after its adoption. Immediately and without discussion, representatives of distinctively Arminian churches in Kentucky were admitted to full membership. In fact no other course is at all feasible. Surely those who believe most firmly in the Old Calvinism of the fathers have no desire to exclude those who have blunted the five points, till in their theories they are scarcely points at all. By such an excision, Congregationalism would soon "grow small by degrees and beautifully less," till the idea of a National body would become a misnomer. On the other hand, those who have discovered new light and hold to Calvin and Paul as they would have meant, had they lived till this time, cannot certainly desire to exclude these who cling to the old ideas. Such are mostly getting old, and will soon have passed on out of the way. None would deal hardly with them in old age. None can be so extreme on either side, as to wish to exclude churches who hold to doctrines taught at Oberlin, or those taught at Hartford, and yet it would be hardly possible to find beliefs more widely differing, which could or would consent to stand on the Council basis. On what ground, then, we could exclude Arminian Congregationalists, without performing *hari kari* upon ourselves, it is impossible to see. We all know those in our own body differing more widely from each other in doctrinal belief, than any of them differ from the average Arminian. To embrace those, and exclude these, would be the height of absurdity.

There are objections to the plan of representatives; to have State delegates and county delegates seems to savor of caste. All delegates should stand on equal footing. That benevolent societies and theological institutions should have delegates is still more objectionable. They have no vote, but to men of their influence a right to debate, is worth more than a dozen votes. Nor should a loop-hole have been left whereby persons not delegates may serve on committees. These provisions give opportunity to override the wish of the churches, by giving the working of the council into the hands of men whom *the churches* have not expressly sent. To have the right to speak on the floor, and to be a member of an important committee, is to wield far greater power than to have a vote in the body. In short, no one but those who represent churches should have any privilege in the Council, other than that of appearing before committees.

Recognizing the several Congregational Seminaries by name, the Council recommended three to special pecuniary favor. Maine men felt that Bangor Seminary ought to have been included, or otherwise none at all. It seemed specially invidious to mention Oberlin and Chicago, and leave out Bangor. But their pleading was of no avail. "Westward the star of empire takes its way."

It was resolved that churches be urged not to employ unsettled ministers with-

out certified evidence from some ministerial or ecclesiastical body, of their regular standing in the ministry. This is very much needed. We all know men who from some moral or other delinquency have no good standing among their brethren, and yet do contrive to occupy pulpits among our churches. Nothing can be done to remedy this evil, save by the churches themselves, and they certainly should be "*urged*" to do it. Such men should not be employed even a single Sabbath.

A committee was also appointed to whom those desiring to solicit aid from the churches for purposes outside our regular benevolent organization may apply for indorsement. Churches, of course, can contribute to these or others, or not, as they choose. But this plan gives a convenient chance to get rid of stray beggars in case of doubt.

But it is asked with anxiety by some, "How will this council affect our Ecclesiastical polity and relations?" I answer, *not at all*, save as it helps by its influence to strengthen and establish our peculiar liberty, and warn and defend the churches against all schemes of encroachment. Its own language is explicit: "The right of government resides in local churches—responsible directly to the Lord Jesus Christ." We "maintain the Scriptural and inalienable right of each church to self-government and administration; and this National Council shall never exercise legislative or judicial authority, nor consent to act as a Council of Reference." Nothing can be clearer or more decisive than this. But some of the benevolent organizations are sensitive and fearful that they shall be brought under some authority. It might be well perhaps in some cases, if it were so. They are great and powerful bodies outside the churches, voluntary and self-controlling, and this Council can obtain no power over them, except what themselves grant, and large influence, as already shown, has been given them in the Council itself. The danger, if any, is rather in the other direction, that they will have too much influence in the Council, molding it to their own wishes. But whether in this or any other direction, the Council *has* and *can have* no power but the power of influence. It possesses and claims no authority. Its decisions or resolutions or recomendations have no more weight in them than their inherent reasonableness or propriety conveys. Any State Conference refusing to conform to its advice, any County Conference rejecting its resolutions, any individual church acting in opposition to whatever course it may recommend, thereby loses no right or privilege in the denomination. Some have said that the action of the Council, its constitution especially, should have been referred back to the churches for their acceptance or rejection. It is said, nothing can be binding without the vote of the local churches. At first view, this seems plausible, but when examined proves to be the weakest objection that could be raised. The results of the Council are *not* binding, nor would we as Congregationalists have them binding. This is just what above all things we would avoid. And for this very reason they *must not* be referred back to the churches. The moment this is done, and the local churches in whom all ecclesiastical authority is vested have adopted them, they become binding on all these churches, and none of their members may refuse that authority. We should thus become "Presbyterianized" indeed. If such were the Council, we might well spurn and trample it under foot. But as it is, it forms

simply the culmination of that conference system, indigenous to Maine, inaugurated at Buxton, in old York County, fifty years ago the present month. As no harm has come to churches from this conference system in County and State, so none need be feared from the legitimate development of that system in the nation, or even the world. A County or State Conference is simply a voluntary club of the churches. Any church not sending delegates to the county conference, or any county conference withdrawing all connection with a State conference, thereby loses no ecclesiastical standing or privilege. So the National Council is simply a voluntary club, which all Congregational churches are invited to join. It exercises no control, possesses no authority, ecclesiastical relations are not affected in any manner by joining or withdrawing. All that is needed to join or withdraw is to send or refrain from sending delegates. If Maine Congregationalists prefer not to send, they will be Congregationalists still, with all the rights and privileges pertaining to any other Congregationalists, only they will choose not to exercise the privilege of participating in the National deliberations. If they prefer to send, their ecclesiastical relations will still remain unchanged, they will thereby put themselves under no restrictions, submit to no authority, curtail none o their rights. If we desire to participate in the voluntary consultations at the time of the next triennial council, we shall send delegates. If we don't care to share in those deliberations, we shall neglect to appoint delegates. Neither course can affect our Congregational standing or ecclesiastical polity, in the slightest degree.

BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Incorporated February 25, 1814.

REPORT OF VISITING COMMITTEE.

The Committee appointed by the Conference in 1871 to visit Bangor Theological Seminary at its anniversary in 1872, present the following annual Report.

The Seminary now living on the second half century of its life, having passed into this period in 1870, it seems fitting to notice the developments in its history as its age increases, and especially at a point so little in advance of its semi-centennial boundary.

It is not a spurious, but a legitimate child of the churches. Born in weakness, cradled in uncertainty, struggling with poverty and adversities usually incident to a new enterprise of this kind, it has grown and strengthened, gained friends and made a record for itself, till to-day it stands better, in some respects, than it ever has in all its history; better even than some of its most sanguine friends had anticipated. The child of the churches, as its years have advanced, it has been better fed by them than in its childhood and infancy. This is quite reasonable, as the child usually requires a larger measure of sustenance as its age increases. The funds flowing into its treasury, have in the last decade of years from 1860 to 1870, been a decided advance on any such previous term, and in the two years since, so favorable, that now while not burdened with riches, not so poor as to be threatened with death from poverty. Nay, it rests on a healthy and even cheering financial basis. We interpret this as a manifest index of the hold it has on the churches. Although it has, and it will have

need of more in some directions, it is safely and encouragingly established. Brought into existence by a series of providential developments, duly born, duly consecrated, duly disciplined, not always duly fed, but better now than formerly, the churches of Maine would be guilty of a maternal crime indeed, to go back on this course of providence, to exterminate it by any deliberate movement of theirs; and of a very unnatural act to suffer it ever to die by any negligence or indifference of theirs. Before verging in any direction like this, they should offer the prayer of David, "Deliver us from blood guiltiness, O God." The child of the churches, and fed by its mother, it has in its turn fed her, and it will feed her in the future, in proportion as she feeds it. This is the law of reciprocity between the two. As the grounds of the husbandman will soon starve him, when he in his niggardliness starves them, and will liberally feed him when he so feeds them, so very much is the relation and mutual return of the Seminary to the churches. In this way, it is a prominent force in the Zion of Maine. So much so, that we judge the opinion is general, if not of entire unanimity in our churches, that this Seminary must live, and grow, and be carried through. Indeed, so much has it to do with the continued and growing welfare of our Zion, that one may well say, "If I forget this, let my right hand forget her cunning." If this be forgotten and suffered to sink, what shall become of these 242 churches, scattered from the St. Croix and the Province on the East, to the Granite State and another Province on the West, a territory neither narrow nor mean in the sum of its resources? How shall these be fed and instructed by pastors and teachers? What shall become of our young men, who are saying, "Here are we, send us into the vineyard," when educated in a Seminary that shall adapt us to the field in Maine? What shall become of those Seminary grounds, "beautiful for situation," given and consecrated to the Master's service—with their appropriate and valuable buildings and fixtures? With the $170,000 of funds, donated and invested for a holy end? What shall become of that school just emerging into being on the banks of the Kennebec, whose life was designed to feed Bowdoin College and Bangor Seminary? That training school will not only come into existence another child of the churches, but it will live and ripen into a vigorous maturity, and its streams will ultimately flow into the Seminary; and the latter we shall need on the Penobscot to complete the education started on the Kennebec in the Classical School, and continued on the Androscoggin in Bowdoin. What shall become of our Maine Missionary Society, originated and sustained by the prayers and the liberal donations of the sons and daughters of Maine, with the intent of carrying the gospel into the waste-places of the State? And, above all, what heed shall we give to the Master's tears when weeping over perishing sinners, if we forget this beloved, God-appointed, owned, and blessed Seminary? But though we thus speak, we have no grave fears that the churches will voluntarily forget it. Incorporated so largely with the present and future welfare of our churches, can it be dropped from the list of loved, favorite, and life-prized objects?

Among the signs of encouragement during the past year, a foundation has been laid, by the Hayes' fund, for scholarships of $1,000 each, for the benefit of indigent young men. Let this be the nucleus around which shall be gathered very much more to help the struggling and the burdened.

It will still need funds, and it will need men; let it have both. The feeding of it with living members, is an essential nurturing. This has not kept pace with the other form of feeding it. While the funds have increased, the men who go there have decreased in numbers. This tendency has not been greater than in other kindred institutions of the day. The Seminary is not responsible for this, either in its board of trustees, or its instructors. The dearth of revivals in our churches and schools,

and the numerously inviting forms of attractions in secular callings, may account for it. So not only in Maine, but in other States also, the Theological School is not a crowded spot. We need more revivals, more vital piety in the churches, more of the spirit of Christ, to bring our young men into the Seminary and the ministry. Were there more of the spirit of the primitive Christians, counting all things as loss for Christ, more of the Pauline zeal according to knowledge, more young men would be in the course of training for the ministry. It is a matter of interest that some of our Welch brethren are now finding their way to our Seminary. Our connection now with the neighboring Provinces, by railway, may bring young men thence to the Seminary, and so unite us the more while widening the influence of our institution.

The present board of instruction in the Seminary justifies us in saying, that the chairs are well-filled, and the privileges generally of an attractive order. The examination of the three classes was quite satisfactory, evincing skill on the side of instruction, and patient labor on the side of the pupils. The Greek and Hebrew exercises maintained their usually scholarly character under the direction of Prof. Talcott and his assistant, Mr. Rich. In the absence of Prof. Herrick, Dr. Pond conducted the examination in Theology, drawing out the proofs of doctrines by proof-texts, happily and usefully. The department of Ecclesiastical History was rendered fresh and juicy, by following the development of principles, doctrines, and heresies, in a lively and enthusiastic style. The department of Sacred Rhetoric in the examination, was concentrated, earnest, and thorough; texts and plan-making in some of their principles and elements being skillfully served up. The students, in their performances in public at the exhibitions of the Rhetorical Society, and graduation day, did credit to themselves and their alma mater, by a style of sensible thought, a manly diction, and elocution.

While there is some impression in existence that some modification of the present Seminary course is called for, we would suggest, as our opinion, that Systematic Theology should not be taught less, but some things more. As the foundation, the spinal column of the course, let instruction in the doctrines be rounded out into all its fullness and legitimate strength. Then to meet the wants of the day, perhaps, let there be imparted a more extended and thorough system of general and specific Biblical knowledge, in the way of a broad exegesis. In this, let the student be led to think and speak independently; showing that he knows on what foundation he stands, and why his views are what they are. In this research, let him acquire a commanding range of skill in the unfolding of Biblical truth in the original languages of the Sacred Volume. Then let what is sometimes called "Dead Theology" be vitalized and inbreathed by the pervading spirit of a quickened piety, till the whole system shall thus have a soul infusing it, trembling and glowing with the pulsations and intonations of an inner and yet potent life.

All which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY S. LORING, *Chairman.*

TRUSTEES OF THE BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Searsport, *President*.....1850
George W. Pickering, of Bangor, *Vice-president*.....1857
Dea. Joseph S. Wheelwright, of Bangor, *Secretary*.....1850
Rev. George E. Adams, of Orange, N. J.....1850
Dea. George A. Thatcher, of Bangor.....1850

Dea. Henry Darling, of Bucksport.....1852
Rev. Wooster Parker, of Belfast.....1858
Rev. Richard Woodhull, of Bangor.....1864
Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine.....1865
Richard P. Buck, of Brooklyn, N. Y.....1867
Dea. Samuel D. Thurston, of Bangor.....1867
Rev. Benjamin Tappan, of Norridgewock.....1868
Rev. Stephen H. Hayes, of South Weymouth, Mass.....1869
Dea. Simon Page, of Hallowell.....1869
Rev. Solomon P. Fay, of Bangor.....1871

FACULTY.

Rev. ENOCH POND, D. D., President.....1832
Rev. D. SMITH TALCOTT, D. D., HAYES Professor of Sacred Literature..... 1839
Rev. JOHN R. HERRICK, D. D., BUCK Professor of Christian Theology.....1867
Rev. WILLIAM M. BARBOUR, D. D., FOGG Professor of Sacred Rhetoric, and Lecturer on the English Language.....1868
Rev. LEVI L. PAINE, WALDO Professor of Ecclesiastical History, and Pastoral Duties.....1871

TREASURER AND GENERAL AGENT.

Rev. RICHARD WOODHULL, of Bangor.....Elected Nov. 20, 1862
☞Office, South wing of Commons House.

Term commences twelve weeks from the Anniversary,—which is held on the Thursday following the first Wednesday in June. Examination of classes, and Society addresses, on Tuesday and Wednesday previous.

FIFTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE SEMINARY....1872.

Tuesday, June 4.—Examination of the Middle and Senior classes—a. m. and p. m., in the chapel of the Seminary.

Evening.—The anniversary of the Rhetorical Society was held in the Central Church.—Organ voluntary and music by the choir. Devotional exercises by Rev. Stephen H. Hayes, of Boston. Addresses by R. W. Jenkins, of Kingston, Pa., and B. B. Merrill, of Cumberland, of the Junior class; and by F. C. Bradeen, of Buxton, and W. E. Spear, of Rockland, of the Middle class. Benediction, by Professor Barbour.

Wednesday, A. M., June 5.—Examination of the Junior class in the Chapel.

Afternoon.—Meeting of the Alumni in Hammond street Church. Rev. P. B. Thayer, of Garland, *President*, Rev. J. G. Leavitt, of Orono, *Secretary*. The usual sermon was replaced by a discussion on the following question,—Does Systematic Theology receive undue prominence in the course of study prescribed in our Theological Seminaries?

The affirmative was taken by Rev. Messrs. Arthur Swasey, of Chicago, Ill.; and Louis A. Brastow, of St. Johnsbury, Vt.; and the negative by Revs. John O. Fiske, of Bath, and Stephen Thurston, of Searsport. Rev. Messrs. Thomas Adams, of Vassalboro, and Stephen H. Hayes, of Boston, followed with a few remarks on the need of theological training, and the necessity of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

The annual business was transacted.

The officers chosen at the last annual meeting were re-elected. Chose a committee consisting of Revs. George W. Field, John Dinsmore, and James H. Crosby, to arrange an order of exercises for the next annual meeting.

Alumni deceased during the year:—Rev. Charles M. Brown (1826), in Deer Isle, Oct. 29, 1871, aet. 77. Rev. Joseph C. Lovejoy (1834), Oct. 19, 1871, aet. 67. Rev. Andrew Dunning (1840), in Thompson, Conn., March 26, 1872, aet. 56; notice in Cong., April 25. Rev. John Dodge (1841), June 19, 1872, aet. 60. Rev. William H. Kelton (1859), in Scituate, 1871. Rev. Dennis Clark Frink (1862), in New Boston, N. H., June 22, 1871, aet. 39; notice in N. H. Minutes, 1871, p. 49. (Notices of those settled in this State, in the Necrology, p. 21.)

Evening.—In the First Parish Church. Address before the Societies, by Rev. Edwin P. Parker, of Hartford, Conn. Theme:—Truth. Devotional exercises by Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine.

Thursday, A. M.—The graduating exercises of the Senior class were held in the Central Church. Prayer by the President, Dr. Pond. Addresses were delivered by six members of the class,—Messrs. John J. Blair, of Portland; Samuel W. Dickinson, of Griggsville, Ill.; Jotham Sewell, of Fryeburg; Ezra N. Smith, of Wareham, Mass.; Clarendon A. Stone, of Brewer Village; and Arthur H. Tebbets, of Beverly, Mass. Appropriate music interspersed by a select choir. Address to the class, by Professor Levi L. Paine. Prayer and Benediction, by Rev. A. L. Park, of Gardiner.

The Professors issued a circular, which is also published in the Ch. Mir. of Feb. 6, 1872, appealing to the pastors and churches of Maine, in reference to the gradual, but constant diminution of the number of young men entering, or preparing for the gospel ministry. Only two from Maine have entered any seminary out of the State, during the past year, and but two from Maine have entered Bangor Seminary.

The Trustees, at their last meeting, proposed that those churches which were able, should each re-furnish a room in the Seminary.

Professor John R. Herrick went to Europe in January, 1872, to be absent a few months.

BOWDOIN COLLEGE, BRUNSWICK.

Incorporated June 24, 1794.

FACULTY.

JOSHUA LAWRENCE CHAMBERLAIN, LL. D., *President.*

————— ————, Professor of Mental and Moral Philosophy.

ALPHEUS S. PACKARD, D. D., Collins Professor of Natural and Revealed Religion, and Librarian.

JOHN APPLETON, LL. D., Lecturer on Medical Jurisprudence.

JOTHAM B. SEWALL, A. M., Professor of Greek Language and Literature.

E. W. JENKS, M. D., Professor of Obstetrics, and Diseases of Women and Children.

THOMAS T. SABINE, M. D., Professor of Anatomy and Physiology.

A. B. PALMER, M. D., Professor of Pathology and Practice of Medicine.

WILLIAM W. GREENE, M. D., Professor of Surgery.

JOHN S. SEWALL, A. M., Professor of Rhetoric and English Literature.

STEPHEN J. YOUNG, A. M., Professor of Modern Languages.

CYRUS F. BRACKETT, A. M., M. D., Professor of Chemistry and Geology.
GEORGE L. GOODALE, A. M., M. D., Josiah Little Professor of Natural Science, Professor of Mineralogy, Botany, Applied Chemistry, and Materia Medica.
A. MITCHELL, M. D., Assistant Professor of Therapeutics.
CHARLES G. ROCKWOOD, jr., A. M., PH. D., Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy.
GEORGE L. VOSE, Professor of Civil Engineering and Geology.
EDWARD S. MORSE, PH. D., Professor of Comparative Anatomy and Zoölogy.
HENRY L. CHAPMAN, A. M., Professor of Latin.
JAMES B. TAYLOR, Professor of Oratory and Elocution.
CHARLES H. MOORE, Tutor in Latin.
Hon. AMOS D. LOCKWOOD, Treasurer.
CHARLES N. BATES, Assistant Treasurer.
DUDLEY A. SARGENT, Director of the Gymnasium.
First Lieut. JAMES P. SANGER, Professor of Military Service and Tactics.

Number of Volumes in the several Libraries, 34,000.

Medical Students		67
Senior Class	25	
Junior Class	37	
Sophomore Class	37	
Freshman Class	59	158
Total		225

Fall Term commences Thursday, Aug. 29, 1872. Commencement Day, Wednesday, July 9, 1873.

The Reading Room is fully furnished with newspapers and magazines; and it is now a first-class Reading Room.

The "Praying Circle" of the College was instituted July 22, 1815, and meets Sabbath morning, and Wednesday noon. These meetings are open to all who desire to attend. The object of this association is "the religious edification of its members, the promotion of vital godliness in the College, and prayer for the universal spread of the gospel."

BACCALAUREATE SERMON, *Sabbath evening, July* 7, 1872, by Rev. Prof. ALPHEUS S. PACKARD, D. D. Text—Proverbs 19:20,—"Hear council, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end."

Monday evening, July 8.—Prize Declamation of the Junior Class.

Tuesday afternoon, July 9.—Inauguration of Gen. and Ex-Gov. JOSHUA LAWRENCE CHAMBERLAIN, LL. D., as President of the College. Prayer, by Rev. Alpheus S. Packard, D. D., Senior Professor. Hon. Seth P. Benson, President of the Board of Overseers, presented the charter, seals, and keys of the College, with appropriate remarks. Chief Justice John Appleton, LL. D., gave an address of welcome on the part of the government; and Mr. Augustus F. Moulton, of the next Senior Class, in behalf of the undergraduates. Ex-President Woods, in a few Latin sentences, presented the tri-cornered hat, as an insignia of office. Inaugural Prayer, by Rev. J. O. Fiske, D. D., of Bath.

The President delivered an address, which with a report of the inauguration, and other addresses, is to be published.

Evening.—Concert, by Gilmore's Band, aided by Mrs. H. M. Smith and the Tremont

Quartette, all of Boston. The Band furnished the music for the other gatherings of the week.

Wednesday, July 10.—Commencement exercises, by the Senior Class. *P. M.*—Dinner in the new Memorial Hall, after which the President made a speech, and called upon Prof. Egbert C. Smyth, of Andover; Hon. John W. Perry, of Salem; Rev. President C. F. Allen, D. D., of Orono; Ex-Gov. Washburn and Hon. Chas. W. Goddard, of Portland; Hon. John C. Dodge, and Hon. Peleg W. Chandler, of Boston,—who each responded. Appropriate allusion was made by the President, Professor Smyth, Dr. Allen, and others, to Professor Upham. Subsequently a meeting of the Alumni was held for business. A resolution was adopted favoring the expenditure of a sum not exceeding $6,000, in the fitting up of the recitation rooms, which has been appropriated by the College.

The College has received during the year, $8,000, for Scholarships. The degree of D. D. was conferred on Rev. Charles F. Allen, President of the State Agricultural College; Rev. Samuel F. Dike, of Bath; and Rev. Joseph Blake, of Gilmanton, N. H. (formerly of Cumberland, Me.). The degree of LL. D., upon Hon. Edward E. Bourne, of Kennebunk; and Hon. James W. Woodbury, of Augusta.

Thursday, July 11, *A. M.*—Annual Meeting of the Phi Beta Kappa Fraternity. Annual Meeting of the Historical Society; exercises appropriate to its Semi-centennial Anniversary.

CONGREGATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF THE UNITED STATES.—Organized Nov. 17, 1871.—Stated meetings, every third year from 1871. Special meetings to be called upon the request of any five State organization of Churches.

See Note p. 15.

Gen. Association of New Hampshire	Rochester	Aug. 22, 1871
General Convention of Vermont	Middlebury	June 24, 1873
Gen. Asso. of Cong'l Chs. of Massachusetts	Natick	June 10, 1873
Gen. Conference of Cong'l Chs. of Connecticut		Nov. 5, 1873
Rhode Island Cong'l Conference	Bristol	June 10, 1873
Gen. Association of New York	Rochester	Oct. 15, 1872
Gen. Association of New Jersey	Philadelphia	Oct. 29, 1872
Gen. Association of Michigan	Lansing	May 21, 1873
Ohio Congregational Conference	Springfield	June 10, 1873
Gen. Asso. of Cong'l Chs. and Ministers, Indiana	Elkhart	May 15, 1873
General Association of Illinois	Elgin, Kane Co.	May 28, 1873
Gen. Asso. of Cong'l Chs. in Missouri	Macon	Oct. 16, 1872
General Association of Iowa	Burlington	June 4, 1873
General Cong'l Conference of Minnesota	Lake City	Oct. 10, 1872
Pres. and Cong'l Convention of Wisconsin	La Crosse	Oct. 1, 1872
Gen. Asso. of Cong'l Ministers and Chs. in Kansas	Lawrence	June 3, 1873
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Colorado Conference of Congregational Churches. Sessions: first Tuesday in May and November.

Connecticut, General Association, June, 1873.

Dakota, Association of the Congregational Churches.

Georgia, Alabama, and Tennessee, Central South Conference, Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 9, 1872.

Kentucky, State Association of Christian Churches and Ministers.

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Nebraska, Congregational Association, Omaha, June 13, 1872.

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Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, Keswick Ridge, N. B., Sept. 5, 1872.

Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec, Brentford, Ont., June 4, 1873.

CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETIES.

AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION, 40 Winter St., Boston, Mass.

For information, or remittances for the Congregational House, or gifts to the Congregational Library, address Rev. Isaac P. Langworthy, *Cor. Sec.*, as above. Vice-president for Maine, Hon. Wm. W. Thomas, Portland. Nineteenth annual Report in Cong. Quarterly, July, 1872, pp. 461–469. Contributions from Maine for the year, $447; also three volumes and 157 pamphlets. Congregational Fair in behalf of the Congregational House and Library, to be opened at Horticultural Hall, Boston, Oct. 21, 1872. Packages and all goods may be sent to J. Greene Jones, 119 Washington street; money to S. T. Snow, Esq., *Treasurer*, 47 Kilby street, Boston.

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TO SCRIBES AND REPORTERS.

The attention of Scribes of Churches, and the Scribes and Reporters of local Conferences, is directed to the notice on page 124 of the Minutes for 1871.

If all who are appointed to the duties there referred to, will attend to them at th time designated, it will render the task of the Secretaries, and Publishing Committee of the General Conference less burdensome, and provide for more full and correct returns. The several Clerks, Scribes, and Reporters, can best procure and send the desired information from their respective localities. *Begin in April to gather the material, and send the report completed in May*, as directed.

CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE, p. 28.—Rev. Leavitt Bartlett, was ordained in Hammond Street Church, Bangor, July 27, 1865.

HANCOCK CONFERENCE.—Arthur H. Tibbets, a graduate of the Bangor Seminary, 1872, is temporarily to supply the church in Bluehill, August, 1872.

LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC CONFERENCE.—The sum of $470 should be added to the contributions from Central church, Bath, making the total $910.

OXFORD CONFERENDE.—*Without charge.*. Rev. Henry Richardson, Gilead. Ordained 1831, November 23.

PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE, p. 40.—Two lines transposed. *Hampden*, should be "supplied by Seminary,"—*Kenduskeag*, John W. Brownhill, s. s.

Rev. Reuben D. Osgood, of Kennebunkport, reported by letter that he sent a communication to the Congregational Union of Quebec and Ontario, at their session in Montreal, June 5, 1872.

Rev. Benjamin G. Snow and wife reached the Micronesia Islands, on a return from a visit to their native land, August 28, 1871.

The CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF CONFERENCE may be found in the Minutes for 1870, pages 67, 68.

Thanksgiving Day, State and National, Nov. 30, 1871.

State Fast, April 18, 1872.

MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

SERMON AND REPORT.

SIXTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

1872.

SERMON.

2 *Cor.* 5: 16.—HENCEFORTH KNOW WE NO MAN AFTER THE FLESH.

AFTER the manner of the world, Paul had formed a very erroneous imate of men. He had known or estimated them "after the sh," after the narrow and prejudiced views which obtain in a oud, selfish world.

He had looked on men as important or unimportant according to eir mere casual condition, or their grade in social life. He had leed thus known Christ; had looked for a Messiah who should me in regal magnificence and power, and be a worthy successor of avid on the throne of Israel. No other would he accept, and therefe scorned the claims of the obscure Nazarene. But when he arned what were the true mission and work of the Messiah, it ntirely changed his views, both of him and of men. When he found at Jesus, the Messiah, was God manifest in the flesh; and that he us came to offer himself a ransom for man, and had died alike for ntile and for Jew, he saw a grandeur and glory in his character d work he had never before dreamed of. And he inferred that if ch a price had been paid for the redemption of every man, whatever condition, his importance must be unspeakable.

With this new light irradiating his mind, he could no longer know n "after the flesh." He had found a new standard by which to imate their importance. And,

1. *He no longer valued men according to their power to affect mere rthly interests.*

Those whose plans and interests center on this world, value a man they do anything else earthly. They view him simply in his relas to the present life, and rate his importance by his ability to

render service and affect temporal interests. Thus, probably, had it once been with the apostle; but when God opened his eyes to see the true character and work of Christ, his views entirely changed.

The Son of God had given himself a sacrifice for man; yet not for man's body, but for his soul. Not to purchase for him immunity from life's ills, or to secure for him its ease or its honors; but to rescue his soul from the pollutions of sin and the woes of the second death.

As he thus viewed man's interests, stretching onward into eternity, they swelled into immense proportions, and assumed an importance before which all earthly interests faded into utter insignificance. He saw that it was of little consequence whether a man could do much or little for society, whether he was sick or well, vigorous or helpless. Whatever his physical condition, he possesses a soul that will live when all earthly interests and earth itself will have passed away; a soul capable of rising to immense heights of honor and felicity, or of sinking to immense depths of debasement and misery.

With this view of man's nature and destiny he no longer valued him according to his importance to the world; but he measured him by the standard of his immortality, and his susceptibility of eternal enjoyment and eternal suffering. And again,

2. *He no longer estimated men by the circumstances of their race or birth.*

In the view of the world a man's importance depends very largely on the nation or family from which he springs. If his origin is illustrious, they regard him as immensely more important than if it were low or obscure.

The Jews greatly prided themselves on being Jews, the descendants of the illustrious patriarchs, and looked down with contempt on the Gentile world. In their estimation a Jew was of more importance than scores or hundreds of Gentiles. All prominent races attach a similar importance to a man's nationality, whether they are Franks or Huns, Normans or Anglo-Saxons.

And if race feeling has such influence in determining one's importance, still more potent is that of family connection. If one is high-born, if his ancestors happen to be illustrious, he is placed high on

the scale of value. Should he chance to be of obscure parentage, he is regarded as of little consequence. The apostle had once estimated men by this standard. He had indeed thus known Christ, "after the flesh;" had rated him as a low, obscure Nazarene, and therefore most despicable for claiming the office and honors of the Messiah. But when he had learned rightly to value the Saviour, he at once changed his standard of value for men. Created all of one blood, and members of one family, he found that they all stand on the same level before God, as to race and kindred, so that he is no respecter of persons. And whether high or low born, whether prince or peasant, whether white or black, each possesses the same immortal nature, and the blood of Christ was shed alike for every one.

And all the distinctions of race and birth are mere transient shadows, all vanishing at the touch of death. African and Circassian, Celt and Saxon, monarch and slave, all meet on the same level in the grave and at the judgment. The accidents of race and birth have no influence there. The humblest slave, if a servant of Christ, will there rise to the rank of a king and priest unto God, while his lordly oppressor will sink to shame and everlasting contempt. When the apostle had learned to view men from the stand-point of eternity, all the distinctions of race and birth faded away, and he looked on them simply as immortal beings passing on to the retributions of eternity, and though in his blindness he had known them "after the flesh," yet thenceforth he knew them so no more. Nor,

3. *Did he value them according to their wealth or their poverty?*

In the estimation of the world, wealth gives one much importance. It secures ease, and luxuries, and elegancies, and privileges, all which are held in high esteem among men. And the great importance which men attach to these things, from association, in great measure passes over to those who possess them; so that one's importance among men is determined very much by the amount of his wealth, or the state in which he lives.

On the other hand, the privations, the drudgery, and mean garb of poverty are repulsive. Men dread them, and labor to escape them. And the character and standing of the poor are closely associated, in the minds of men, with the meanness of their condition. They sink

in the estimation of men, in proportion as they sink in poverty, so that Solomon but utters an obvious truth when he says, "The rich have many friends," but "the poor is hated of his neighbor."

And this estimate of individual importance is, in great measure, independent of moral character.

In the view of the world wealth, like charity, will cover a multitude of sins; while poverty, like envy, will obscure, if not conceal a multitude of virtues.

Doubtless Paul had thus estimated men. But when God illuminated his mind and opened up to his view the interests of the spiritual world, he learned to judge men by a different standard. He saw that the distinctions of property and earthly state are as uncertain and as transient as the morning vapors that briefly fringe and beautify the mountain's summit. As these vapors drift away before the zephyr's breath, leaving the mountain they had briefly draped as bald and bare as its most naked fellow; so death sweeps away all the pleasures and splendors of wealth, leaving the millionaire, in this respect, on a level with the beggar.

The souls of rich and poor are alike immortal. The same eternal destiny awaits them. They must all stand before the judgment-seat of Christ, where all distinctions of wealth and earthly state are known no more,—where the poverty of Lazarus will not exclude him from Abraham's bosom, or the wealth of Dives purchase for him a drop of water to ease his pain.

When the apostle saw how trifling and how brief are all the advantages of wealth, it is no wonder that he should lose his admiration both for wealth and for those who possess it, and should say, "Henceforth know we no man after the flesh." Nor, again,

4. *Did he longer judge a man by the nature of his occupation?*

The world estimate men by the grade of their profession, or the nature of their calling. The coveted position marks the honorable man. One filling a humble post is little thought of. But to the apostle's broader vision, all these distinctions dwindled into insignificance. He saw that it makes little difference in what occupation one serves God, or serves satan,—little difference in what capacity he works his way to heaven, or his way to hell.

He knew that men pass into eternity, and stand at the judgment, not as merchants, mechanics, or farmers,—not as inventors, publishers, or teachers; but simply as accountable beings, who have either been serving God, or sinning against him,—who have been treasuring up wrath against the day of wrath, or laying up treasures in heaven. There the day-laborer, who has performed his humble service as unto the Lord, will stand as high in God's esteem, and fill as high a place in heaven, as the professional man, who has served God with no more fidelity.

And to the humble scavenger, who has given his heart and life to Christ, he will say: "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you;" while to the merchant prince, who has lived for this world, and turned his back on the Saviour, he will say: "Thou wicked and slothful servant, depart from me."

It is not the post one fills that determines his rank and standing before God, but the manner in which he fills it; not the kind of service rendered to God, but the fidelity and affection with which it is performed. And as God judges no man by the post he fills, the apostle resolved thenceforth to do the same.

5. *In like manner did he cease to judge of men by their personal appearance?*

Symmetry of form, beauty of complexion, gracefulness of bearing, and other personal attractions, are esteemed by the world above all price. And those who chance to have them are ranked immensely above those who are homely and coarse, awkward and deformed. And, indeed, these graces have their value. Like wealth, and worthy ancestry, and social position, and other temporal gifts of God, they should be duly prized. But however beautiful and coveted, they are of brief continuance.

Personal charms fade and perish like the blossoms of spring. "The wind passeth over them, and they are gone." In the grave's putrefaction, who can distinguish the graceful from the rustic, the symmetrical from the deformed, the white from the black? When dust returns to dust, what advantage has the most beautiful over the most repulsive?

And just as little advantage will the one have over the other in the

world to come. It is not how a man looks, but how he lives, that will there determine his rank and destiny. It is not the aspect of the body, but of the soul, not physical, but spiritual beauty that God regards. Whether the "house of clay," in which one passes his probation, happens to be elegant, or inelegant, has nothing to do in determining his acceptance with God, or his rank among the redeemed,—nothing in determining the grace and splendors of his spiritual body. Men may look on the outward appearance, but God looks on the heart. The conditions of salvation are not he that is rich, he that is honored, he that is beautiful; but he that believeth, he that embraces Christ, he that fears God and keeps his commandments, shall be saved.

It was in view of these facts that the apostle resolved no longer to estimate men by the brief distinctions of the present life. Taught by the revelations of Christ's character and work, he looked on men as they will appear at the judgment, and as they stand related to the honors or to the shame, to the joys or to the woes of their eternal state.

Thus is it with God. He knows no man "after the flesh." He scorns all worldly distinctions, and to stain the pride of all earthly glory, he chooses base things, and things despised among men, and even things that are not, to bring to naught things that are, that no flesh should glory in his presence. He looks on men simply as accountable beings, susceptible of endless enjoyment or of endless suffering, and rates them simply by their moral character. This is God's standard of value for men, this was the apostle's, and this should be ours.

This truth so grand, and yet so imperfectly apprehended, is fitted to shed a flood of light both on the church and the world. And

1. *It shows the peculiar adaptation of the gospel to promote the well-being of all men, especially of the poor and degraded.*

Such is human selfishness, that men's sympathies and benevolent acts are generally limited to personal friends, or a favorite class. All beyond their family or their clan, their guild or their sect, are accounted aliens, and left to their fate,—or worse, are objects of jealousy and aversion, not infrequently of wrong and violence. Lands, inter-

sected by a narrow frith, or national boundary, abhor, plunder, slaughter each other.

Nor is society less sharply divided by social grades and class distinctions. And from the general tendency of men to seek high things, the poor, the obscure, the degraded, are very likely to be left to their ills and their sorrows, if indeed they are not trodden under foot. And the religions and philosophies of human origin largely foster these selfish tendencies, so that while the strong, the rich, and the noble are able to command respect, and win attentions, those most needing sympathy and aid are little cared for.

Christ came to change all this,—to break down every middle wall of partition among men, and promote peace and good-will among all grades and classes. His boundless sympathies and impartial benevolence embraced equally all nations and all conditions. He so loved every one of the race, that he gave his life a ransom for each, and for every one alike. By his doctrines and his example, he has taught us that every man, whatever his social status, his color, or his character, is our neighbor whom we are to love as ourselves, and whose best interests we are as sincerely to desire and seek as we do our own.

Cordially embracing this truth, and imbued with this spirit, the great apostle no longer confined his sympathies to his own nation, but his heart embraced every soul for whom Christ had died. And as far as in him lay, he labored to bear to every family and kindred, every blessing which the gospel in its fullness can bring to man. Like his divine Master, he scorned all the distinctions of selfishness and pride, giving special attention to the poor, the oppressed, and the neglected, as most needing sympathy and aid, and sought to elevate every man to the common level of brotherhood in Christ, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free, but all are alike the servants and sons of God.

And just so far as the gospel spreads, and its truths and spirit are received, it works the same change in the views and character of every one, and incites to the same course of benevolent action,—its grand object being to make all kindreds and conditions one in Christ, and gather them into the one great family of heaven. Again,

2. *This truth discloses a vital element of power for effective evangelization.*

How to gather in the whitening harvest on the world's vast field is now the grand inquiry. The ignorance, the prejudice, the grossness, the revolting wickedness of these perishing millions is appalling, and the work of their conversion is both arduous and repulsive. And to endure the annoyances and grapple with the difficulties of this mighty work, and persist in it till accomplished, demands motives vastly stronger than can be drawn from mere temporal interests, vastly stronger than can come from low views of human depravity, and of the guilt and penalty of sin. These impulses will spend their force in sentimental effusions, and such amateur mission-work as calls for little self-sacrifice.

But to leave homes of refinement and Christian civilization, and go among debased savages or ferocious cannibals, and wear out life in the privations, the discouragements, the persecutions, the perils incident to the world's evangelization, one must be moved by those profound views of the value and state of the soul disclosed by God's love for it, and the price he was willing to pay for its ransom. It was from such views of sin and redemption that the apostle drew his love and zeal for the perishing. It was not the mere fact that men were ignorant, and suffering the brief ills of life, that so deeply moved his sympathies and roused his efforts in their behalf. These evils he knew were comparatively light, and but for a moment.

It was not the state of their bodies, but of their souls; not their temporal, but their eternal interests that gave such intensity to his sympathy and zeal that he was willing to sacrifice for them every earthly interest, and ceased not to warn every man day and night with tears.

When he learned that such is the value of every human soul, and such the magnitude of its loss, that the Son of God had offered himself a sacrifice for its redemption, his zeal to preach Christ and save souls knew no bounds. With his heart thus aglow with the love of Christ, and sympathy for perishing men, nothing could turn him aside from his work. He was ready to submit to any privations, to endure any hardships, to face any dangers. He did not count his ease, his reputation, or life itself dear unto him, that he might make known the riches of Christ's love, and the way of salvation through his blood.

It was these thrilling truths which inspired him with that indomi-

table resolution and burning zeal, that bore him on through a life of poverty and suffering,—through bonds and imprisonments, straight on to a martyr's death. With these truths irradiating his soul and nerving his powers, he moved on his way like a pillar of fire, shedding the light of the gospel on the nations of Western Asia and Southern Europe, and instrumentally converting multitudes and planting churches all along his course.

These truths, as embraced by the apostle, were indeed a mighty power for evangelizing the nations. Though to the Jews they were a stumbling-block, and to the Greeks foolishness, to the apostle they were both the wisdom of God, and the power of God,—they gave to him the boldness of a lion and the strength of a host. Nor have they in the least changed their character or lost their efficiency. To every soul that embraces them with the same vivid faith, they will impart the same invigorating and impelling power. And it is of this power that the church now stands in most pressing need.

The spiritual harvest is daily wasting for lack of power to gather it in. Yet for this work the church has abundant wealth, abundant talent, abundant machinery. But it greatly lacks the ardent love, the unflagging devotion, the intense enthusiasm which the apostle derived from these momentous truths, as embraced by his comprehensive and vivid faith.

Above all others, these truths are the sword of the Spirit, by which the world is to be subdued to Christ. And if the Church would nerve herself with the needed power for her work, she must resist prevalent rationalistic tendencies and embrace these truths in the spirit of the apostle. It is not enough to receive them into her creed. She must cherish them in her heart, in their living power, as the very elements of her spiritual life.

And when apostolic faith in these vital truths shall kindle in the church apostolic love and zeal, and the souls of the martyrs shall thus live again, then will she begin to labor with apostolic success; Christ's millennial reign will come, and his people, that in prayer and tears had scattered among the nations the precious seed, will return with joy, bringing their myriad sheaves, and shouting the harvest home.

Again,

3. *Our theme discloses the high rank and importance of missionary work.*

What so filled the great heart, so enlisted the eminent powers of the chief apostle, must be an honorable, a noble work. To be co-workers with God in saving souls of such value from a doom so terrible is a service the most important, the most blessed, and the most glorious that can engage the thoughts or the energies of man.

The salvation of a single soul, however ignorant, or poor, or degraded, who can estimate its importance!

How have Grecian artists immortalized their names and won the admiration of the world by those almost breathing forms which they wrought out in marble, or in ivory and gold, by their genius and skill. And to give to material substance such life-like aspect and such exquisite majesty and grace is indeed a rare work, a proud achievement. Multitudes, century after century, crowd to see it, and gaze enchanted on such wonderful creations of human genius. But how much more noble and important the achievement, instrumentally, to give to an immortal soul, deformed and dead, the image and the life of God. Compare the results of the two efforts. Trace them onward but for a few centuries, and how then? How with the artist's choicest creation? It is a mutilated torso, scattered fragments, scoria, sand. That ethereal form has vanished, is gone forever.

But how with that soul whom the missionary sought out in his home of poverty and neglect and led to Christ? He stands among the company of the redeemed, a tall and glorious form, with more of exquisite beauty, more of ethereal majesty, than a Raphael could paint or even a Phidias conceive; not a marble statue, insensible and dead; but a spirit, instinct with life and power, thrilling with unutterable delight, and pouring out before the throne his songs of adoration and praise. And as the years of eternity flow on, that redeemed soul will swell into still grander proportions, and shine with still diviner beauty, and glow with still profounder rapture, and sing with still sweeter and loftier strains to the praise of him who died to redeem him, and who sent his servants to tell him of salvation and win him to the way of life.

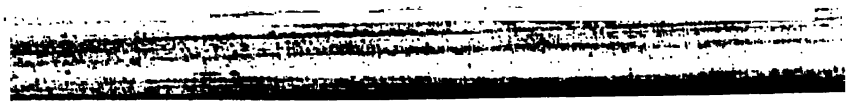
Are not such results unspeakably more glorious than the very *highest* that artistic genius has ever achieved?

And such are the grand results for which this Society and its missionaries are laboring. Through the aid of the Spirit they are rescuing from endless ruin souls whose value numbers cannot express, and impressing on them God's image that will eventually outshine the sun. And these cheering results are being wrought every year. The fifteen thousand dollars expended by this Society the past year in missionary labor, a sum not a tithe of the price of a marble Venus or Apollo, resulted in the hopeful conversion of near three hundred and fifty souls. What a magnificent group of spiritual statuary will be these redeemed ones for beautifying the home of God.

And as this work goes on from year to year, how blessed the results; transforming scores and hundreds of God's enemies into his loyal and loving sons, and rescuing them from the world of darkness and fitting them for the kingdom of heaven. Well may the angels rejoice over it, and God smile on it, and say to these reapers, as they bring in their precious sheaves, "Well done, good and faithful servants."

When God permits us to labor in so glorious a work, let not our hands tire or our hearts faint. With such joy set before us who shall set his heart on earthly comforts or earthly honors. Can money spent in proud display or sensual indulgence yield as desirable fruits as that spent in rescuing souls from death, and swelling the number of the redeemed? And will the ambitious seeking of conspicuous positions and social distinction bring as rich results as to obey God's call to enter some needy field and gather in the spiritual harvest, though, perchance, the post be somewhat obscure and the gospel there must be preached to the poor?

Then let us scorn and crucify every feeling of selfishness and self-seeking, and let us all give to this work cheerfully and liberally, whether of our abundance or of our penury; and let us all labor in it, wherever or however God shall call us, till our work is done, and we go home to see and forever rejoice over the results of our labors.



THE SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

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PRESENTED BY THE TRUSTEES AT THE

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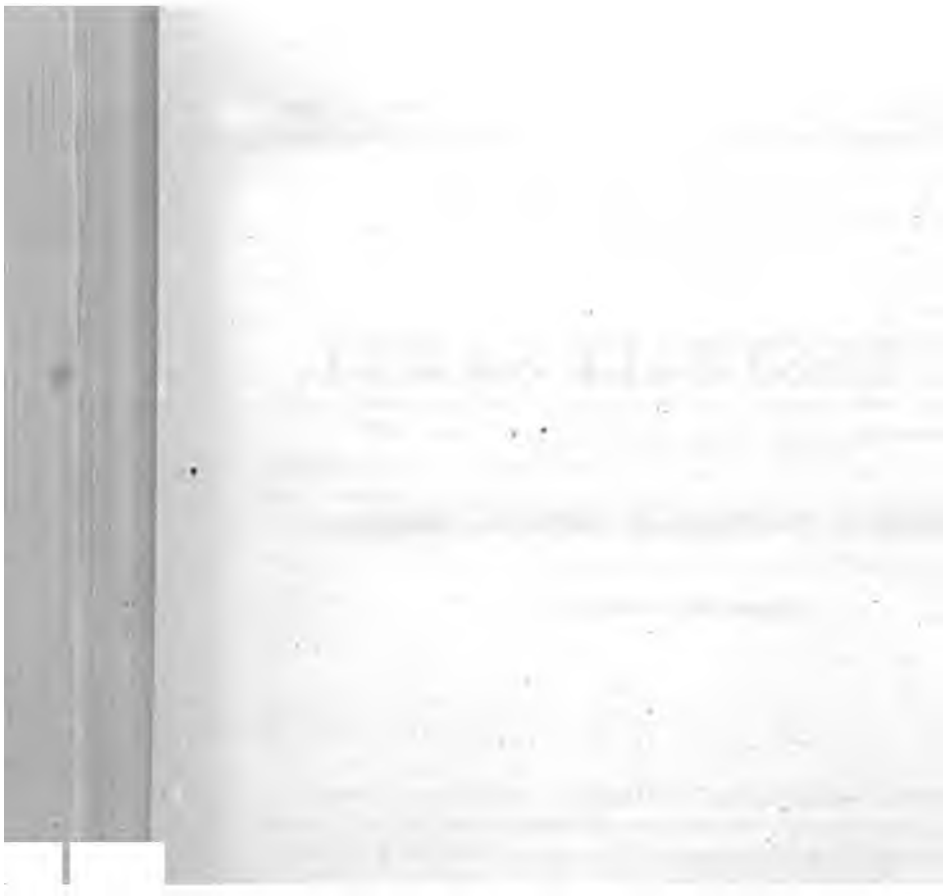

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

SECTION 1. Samuel Harris, Stephen Thurston, Joseph S. Wheelwright, Eben Steele, Woodbury Davis, and Joshua Maxwell, with their associates, being members of the Maine Missionary Society, a society heretofore existing and organized for the purpose of aiding Congregational churches in said State in need of assistance in supporting the preaching of the gospel, are hereby created a body politic and corporate by the said name of the Maine Missionary Society, with the usual appropriate corporate rights and privileges, and with full power to acquire, hold, and convey personal and real property, and to use the same in promoting and securing the aforesaid objects and purposes of their incorporation.

SECTION 2. All the doings of said Society while heretofore existing, all gifts, grants, bequests, and donations made to it, and all grants, appropriations, and conveyances made by said Society, are hereby confirmed and made valid.

SECTION 3. Any two of the corporators aforesaid may call the first meeting of said corporation by giving notice thereof in some weekly newspaper published in Portland, in said State, three weeks before the day of said meeting.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect when approved.

[Approved Jan. 27, 1871.]

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ART. II. The object of this Society is to extend the knowledge of God our Saviour, and to send the glorious gospel to those who are destitute of the public and stated means of religious instruction.

ART. III. This Society believe, and will endeavor to propagate, those doctrines which are called the doctrines of grace, and were the peculiar doctrines of the Reformation, and which are comprehended in the Westminster Assembly's Shorter Catechism.

ART. IV. This Society shall be auxiliary to the American Home Missionary Society, on the conditions of the seventh and eighth articles of the Constitution, with the name and under the charter of the Maine Missionary Society.

ART. V. The payment of two dollars annually into the treasury of the Society shall constitute a member of the Society, and the payment of not less than twenty dollars shall constitute a member for life.

ART. VI. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-president, Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Treasurer, two Auditors, and fifteen Trustees, including the President and Vice-president, who shall be chosen by ballot, five of whom shall constitute a quorum. The officers shall all continue in office until others are chosen.

ART. VII. The President shall preside in the meetings of the Society, and of the Trustees, and call special meetings of the Board whenever requested by three of its members.

The Secretary shall take charge of the books and correspondence of the Society, and exhibit the records of its proceedings at each annual meeting.

The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds and property belonging to the Society, and shall present annually a full and accurate account of all receipts and disbursements. He shall also give sufficient security to the Secretary of the Society for the faithful discharge of his trust, before he enters upon the duties of his office.

The Trustees shall meet semi-annually, at the time and place of the annual meeting of the Society, and at such other time and place as they may direct. They may adjourn or hold special meetings, as they think proper. They shall examine, employ, and direct all missionaries, and determine the place of their location. They shall also manage and dispose of the property of the Society, and have a general superintendence over all its business. At the annual meeting they shall exhibit to the Society a particular statement of all their proceedings, and of the labors and success of their missionaries.

ART. VIII. The Society shall meet annually on the 4th Wednesday in June, at such place as they may appoint. At each annual meeting a sermon will be preached, and a collection taken up. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

ART. IX. The Constitution may be altered or amended, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting.

ART. X. The missionaries employed by this Society shall endeavor faithfully to promote the great interests of religion by all the means in their power, and shall make returns of their transactions to the Trustees.

ART. XI. The funds of this Society shall be raised from the annuities and life-memberships of members, and from the voluntary donations and bequests of the charitably disposed.

ART. XII. This Society will cordially unite with any other Societies for the promotion of Christian knowledge, who may be disposed to coöperate with them in their designs.

ART. XIII. The Secretary with the Treasurer shall be the duly authorized persons to convey real estate by deed when advised by the Trustees.

SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING.

The Maine Missionary Society met by request in the Methodist Church in Skowhegan, June 26, 1872, the President, J. S. Wheelwright, Esq., in the Chair.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Prof. J. B. Sewall.

Sermon, by Rev. Joseph Smith; text, 2 Cor. 5: 16, first clause; a copy of which was requested for the press.

The Treasurer's Report was read by the President, and was accepted and adopted.

The Report of the Trustees was read by the Secretary, and was accepted and adopted.

Addresses were made by Rev. Messrs. Bolster, Thos. Adams, Woodworth of Massachusetts, Palmer, Willey of Minnesota, Anderson, Warren, Thurston, Howard of Illinois, and F. E. Shaw, Esq.

It was a meeting of great spirit, awakening a fresh interest in the work of the Society.

A contribution was taken amounting to $58.55.

The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year,—the venerable Deacon Samuel Adams, long a liberal contributor to the Society, declining a re-election.

PRESIDENT.

Rev. JOHN O. FISKE.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

JOSEPH S. WHEELWRIGHT, Esq.

CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY.

Rev. STEPHEN THURSTON.

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JOSHUA MAXWELL, Esq.

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Rev. HENRY F. HARDING,
Rev. PETER B. THAYER,
Rev. JOHN R. HERRICK,
Rev. ALBERT COLE,
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SIMON PAGE, Esq.,
Rev. JOHN D. EMERSON,
Rev. WILLIAM H. FENN,
JOSEPH TITCOMB, Esq.,
NELSON DINGLEY, Jr., Esq.

AUDITORS.

THOMAS R. HAYES, Esq., GEORGE F. THURSTON, Esq.

The next annual meeting is to be held in Gorham, the 4th Wednesday in June, 1873.

First preacher, Rev. JOHN H. GURNEY; second preacher, Rev. WILLIAM M. BARBOUR.

The meeting was one of much interest, and the results of the Society's operations gave indubitable evidence of the smiles of a benignant providence.

S. THURSTON, *Recording Secretary.*

SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT.

Soon after the last Annual Meeting of this Society, it pleased God to remove from the scene of their earthly labors, two beloved and honored members of the Board of Trustees,—Eben Steele, Esq., and the Hon. Woodbury Davis, both of Portland. They were faithful and efficient helpers in the cause of missions, wise in counsel, and liberal in measures. While we mourn their loss, we have only to bow down and say, "Even so, Father," and gird ourselves anew to the work before us.

The life of all our missionaries has been graciously preserved, and they have been able to labor with but slight interruption through the year.

The Trustees would now present a brief account of the labors of the past year, and some of their results.

The following table gives a brief account of the doings of the year,—the number of missionaries employed, the amount of their services, the fields they have occupied, and some of the fruits of their labor.

TABULAR VIEW.

THE following table gives a statistical view of the Missionary work the year closing this day.

For the sake of securing full returns, blank circulars were sent to the missionaries, with the request that they should be filled and returned by the first of June.

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tions, and ries.	Commissions, Date of	Length.	Appropriation.	Paid by the People.	Amt. of Salary.	Mos. of Labor.	Average Congregation.	Conversions.	ADDITIONS. Profess'n.	ADDITIONS. Letter.	Total Number.	Prayer-meeting	Sab. Schools.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Me. Mis. Society.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Other objects.
			$	$	$									$	$
Thompson..	July 1, 1871	12	150	350	500	12	80	2	5	2	57	15	70	20 00	11 00
las Pearse..	July 1, 1871	2	72	....	....	2	63		4		33	30	50	7 00	
id AURORA. Loring.....	July 1, 1871	12	200	275	475	12	110				22	15	100	37 00	58 50
							150		2		47	30	100		
SON,							110				73	25	75		
LON,							50				13	15	45		
Plumer.....	July 1, 1871	3	50	....	....	3									
LAND, N. Sinnett..	June 22, 1871	2¾	88	....	....	2¾	35		No	Ch.		20	31		
h E. Walker	Aug. 1, 1871	1	32	56	88	2¾	80				‖	15			
Chalmers...	June 6, 1872	1	32	....	....	1									
t Doig.....	July 1, 1871	2½	80	1220	72	2	100				11	30	39	12 20	
N. Todd.....	May, 1872	1½	48	....	....	1½									
1st. Kingsbury..	Oct. 1, 1871	9	150	450	600	9	200				69	25	100	40 00	
Spaulding..	July 1, 1871	12	300	....	....	12	165*	2			51	15	165†	11 33	7 00
E. Allen.....	July 1, 1871	3½	112	88		2¾	120	5	2		42	30	60	88 00	25 00
l Staver.....	June 15, 1872		24	....	....										
E, WEST, Hutchinson.	July 1, 1871	12	100	450	550	6	150	4	4		94	25	100	7 00	10 00
LD,							106	2			53	15	123	5 00	13 85
							95	5	4		40	20	63	8 50	
Tingley.....	July 1, 1871	12	250	....	....	12									
EN,		3	96	....	....	3	100				33	25	60	20 00	8 39
		1½	25			1½								21 14	
Emrich.....	July 1, 1870														
ENTER,	July 1, 1871	3	38			3					58		60		
	Oct. 1, 1871			300	438	9	120	10	10		124	40	50	36 00	104 00
h Smith.....		9	138												
Hicks.....	July 1, 1871	3½	112	80	80	2¾	95	14	No	Ch.		49	65	80 00	
Buttner....	May 18, 1872	1½	56												
							100				12	15	75½		
LFIELD,							100		1	3	32	10	75½		
Sleeper.....	Jan. 1, 1872	6	225			6									
	July 21, 1871		48		48	1¼	100				21				
	Nov. 1, 1871			200	1267	4	70			4	40	20	70	6 65	
Stone,.....	June 20, 1872	8	67												
aiah Lincoln		½	16			½									
Shiere,.....	July 1, 1871	3½	112		112	3¾	80		3		15	50	50	64 00	
W. Labaw...	May 25, 1872	1½	48			1½									
t Cole.....	July 1, 1871	12	200			12	90		3		67	30	60	15 00	45 00
Wells.....	July 1, 1871	12	250	385	635	12	65	1			56	12	65	44 00	71 00
NORTH, Hart.....	July 1, 1871	12	200	178	378	12	60	1	1	3	42	35	45	12 00	7 00
Redlon.....	July 1, 1871	12	200			12	100				33	25	40	15 00	
Bushnell..	July 1, 1871	2	72			2	100				40	14		47 00	
Pierce.....	July 1, 1871	12	200	700	900	12	100		2		92	28	75	25 00	47 00
Loring....	July 1, 1871	12	150	400	550	12	90				73		82	51 00	42 00

ces. † 4 Schools. ‡ For half the time for 8 months. § Union. ‖ Church nearly extinct.

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27—FRANKFORT,			$	$	$									$	$
Rev. E. P. Butler.....	June 15, 1872	½	24			½					15				
28—FREEDOM,															
Rev. F. S. Schenck....	July 1, 1871	2½	80			2	125				24		40	34 00	
Rev Thos. L. Springer.	May 4, 1872	2	72			2									
29—GARLAND,															
Rev. P. B. Thayer.....	July 1, 1871	12	150	400	550	12	125	6	3	3	104	60	108	42 00	75 00
30—GILEAD,															
Rev. Rich'd A. Pearse.	July 1, 1871	2	72	25		2					24		75	25 00	
31—GRAY,															
Rev. Ebenezer Bean...	July 1, 1871	12	125	675	800	12	130	2	2	2	80	14	75	33 00	29 00
32—GREENBUSH & OLDTOWN,									No	Ch.					
Rev. Frank Bowler....	July 1, 1871	3	96			3	each					20	70	48 00	14 00
Rev. J. W. Brownbill..	Nov. 21, 1871	4	35			4									
Rev. J. H. Chalmers...	June 1872	1	32			1	35								
Rev. Ezra Andrews....	Nov. 19, 1871	3½	35			1½									
33—GREENVILLE,															
Rev. J. Cameron.....	July 1, 1871	12	400	300	700	12	96	10	4		89	14	85	25 49	79 00
34—HAMPDEN,															
Rev. S. L. Bowler.....	July 1, 1871	2	33			2	150				93	30	112		10 00
35—HARRISON,															
Rev. E. F. Borchers...	July 1, 1871	3	25			3									
36—HIRAM,															
Rev. H. H. Leavitt....	July 1, 1871	2	72		72	2	125				7	8	90	55 00	
Rev. Asher Anderson..	May 25, 1872	1½	48		48	1½									
37—JACKSON & BROOKS,							90						65		
Rev. A. N Jones ...	July 1, 1871	12	200	400	600	12	70	12	2	2	58	30	65		
38—KENDUSKEAG,															
Rev. J. W. Brownbill..	June 6, 1872	1	32		32	1	115				59	26	60	15 50	
39—KENNEBUNK-PORT,															
Rev Wm. A. Merrill..	July 1, 1871	12	150	550	700	12	90	2			56	10	50	20 00	18 00
40—KITTERY,															
Rev. S. S. Drake,.....	July 1, 1871	12	200	275	475	12	75				23	10	35		20 00
41—LIGONIA, Cape Elizabeth,															
Rev. T. M. Davies.....	July 1, 1871	3	96			3	110				57	50	125	30 00	
42—LIMINGTON,															
Rev. S W Pearson....	July 1, 1871	12	125	475	600	12	110	1	1		89	16	100	13 70	23 37
43—LINCOLN,															
Rev. Geo. J. Pierce....	Nov. 1, 1871	1½	30			1½	90				21				
44—LITCHFIELD,															
Rev. J. T. Hawes.....	July 1, 1871	12	150	450	*600	12	90				66	15	60	11 00	27 00
45 LOVELL,															
Rev. T. D. Childs.....	July 1, 1871	2½	80			2½	120			1	130	35	50		17 35
46—MADISON,															
Rev. T. G. Mitchell....	July 1, 1871	12	125			12	75		7	8	83	10	60	30 00	10 00
47 MADISON, EAST,							100	1			12	25	75		
SOLON, SOUTH,							60				15				
Rev. Aaron M. Hills...	May 18, 1872	1½	56			1½									
48—MARSHFIELD,															
E. P. Butler.....	July 1, 1871	3½	112	51	96	3	100	45	26	17	43	75	100	51 00	
49 MARSHFIELD.															
WHITNEYVILLE,											60				
Rev Andrew Hageman.	May 25, 1872	1½	48			1½									
50—MECHANIC FALLS,															
Rev. R. C. Stanley.....	Nov. 1, 1871	8	50			8	80				18	25	30		
51—MEDWAY,															
Rev John T. Rea.....	July 1, 1871	2	72			2	90		No	Ch.			75		
Rev T M. Davies.....	June 1872	1	32												
52—MONMOUTH															
Rev. T. D. Childs.....	May 18, 1872	1½	56			1	90				36	35	65		
53 MONSON,							300	50	40	5	96		100	40 00	
BLANCHARD,							90	25	17		51		50	17 00	
Rev. A. H. Tyler.....	July 1, 1871	12	400	400	800	12									
54—MOOSE RIVER,															
Rev. R. B. Richardson.	July 1, 1871	3	96	96	96	3	90	22	No	Ch.		110	100		
Rev. Wm. E. Spear....	June 12, 1872	½				½									
55—MT. DESERT,															
Rev. Wm. M. Salter...	May 18, 1872	1½	56			1½	75					40	50		
56—NEWFIELD, WEST,															
Rev. Geo. S. Kemp....	July 1, 1871	12	150	325	475	12	90	3	3		54	12	60		

* Use of Parsonage also.

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57—NEW PORTLAND, N., NEW PORTLAND, W., NEW VINEYARD,			$	$	$		175			3	19	60	75	$17 00	$20 75
							75				18	35	35		
Rev. G. C. Lamb.....	July 1, 1871	2½	80			2½									
Rev. Aaron W. Benson	May 25, 1872	1½	48			1½									
58—NEW SWEDEN,															
Rev. Andrew Wiren...	Sept. 1, 1871	10	250			10	200			15	100	30	90		
							130	20	15		27	40	80	40 00	90 00
59—NORTHFIELD,															
Rev. Edw. Lodewick...	July 1, 1871	3	104			2									
Rev. John K. Wyckoff.	May 25, 1872	1½	48			1½									
Rev. Reuben Dolg.....	Sept. 1, 1871	1	32			1									
60—NORWAY, 1st.,															
Rev. Howard H. Pope.	May 18, 1872	1½	56			1½	90				57		65	10 00	
61—NORWAY 2d.,															
Rev T. T Merry	July 1, 1871	12	200	500	700	10	200				60	25	150	10 64	43 00
62—OLDTOWN															
Rev. Chas. P. Newhall.	July 1, 1871	2	72			2									
Rev. W. H. Rand.....	Oct. 1, 1871	9	375	375	750	9	182	1	6	3	40	18	90		
63—OXFORD,															
Rev. G. A. Lockwood.	July 1, 1871	12	225	475	700	12	78	8	7		52	20	95	23 00	16 80
64—PASSADUMK AG,															
Rev. J. W Brownbill..	July 1, 1871	3	96			3	53	15			7	30	28	65 60	26 00
Rev. J. R. Chalmers...	Oct. 8, 1871	8½	180			8½		1							
Rev. B. G. Grant.....	June 1872	1	32			1									
65—PATTEN, ISLAND FALLS,							125		2		78		50		
							75				22		40		
Rev. J. G. Leavitt.....	July 1, 1871	1½	50			1½									
Rev. Hiram Houston..	Oct. 10, 1871	1	32			1									
66—PORTLAND, 4th Ch.,															
Rev. Samuel Harrison.	July 1, 1871	12	200			9	60				22	12	41		
PORTLAND, W. Chapel,															
Rev. W. F. Obear.....	July 1, 1871	12	200			5	125				59	20	130	5 00	12 00
PORTLAND, Will'n Chp'l,															
Rev. B. F. Leavitt.....	Dec. 15, 1871	6½	108			6½	100	8	No	Ch.		25	126		
67—PRESQU'E ISLE,															
Rev. D. B. Hardy	Oct. 1, 1871	9	300	300	600	9	100				16	15	85		5 00
68—PRINCETON,															
Rev. John J. Blair.....	July 1, 1871	2	72	56	72	2									
Also.....	June 1872	1	21			1									
Rev. Joseph E. Walker	Nov. 24, 1871	4	136	93	136	4	125	34	25	1	49	50	125	25 00	16 60
							90								
69—ROBBINSTON & R. B'CH,															
Rev. Geo. Juchau.....	Oct. 25, 1871	8½	213	472	685	8½	110		1	2	99	28	65	20 75	57 00
70—ROCKPORT,															
Rev John S. Chandler.	July 1, 1871	2	72			2									
Rev A. J McLeod....	Sept. 24, 1871	9	300	500	900	9	95	15	6	2	44	20	50	47 27	21 50
71—RUMFORD,															
Rev. John Elliott.....	July 1, 1871	12	200	300	500	12	85				32		45	8 00	
72—ST. ALBANS, PLYMOUTH, ATHENS,†							60				27	15		6 21	14 30
							30				7	10	75	4 00	
Rev. Wm. S. Sewall...	July 1, 1871	12	200			12									
73—SANFORD,															
Rev. Elias Chapman...	Nov. 1, 1871	8	100			8	50				49	12	25		
74—SANFORD, SOUTH,															
Rev. Albert Bushnell..	May 11, 1872	1½	64			1½	60				33				
75—SHELBURNE, N. H.,															
Rev. D. R. Atkins.....	Aug. 1, 1871	1	32			1	60				4	13			
76—SHERMAN,															
Rev. H. W. French....	July 1, 1871	3	96			3							75		
Rev. Tho. E. Brastow..	March 1, 1872	3½	117	116	*233	3½	110				86	25	125		
77—SOLON, BINGHAM,				25			110				13	15	50	25 00	
				32	112		120				47	25	50	32 00	
Rev. Ezra N. Smith....	July 1, 1871	4	112			4									
78—STANDISH,															
Rev. Samuel Hopkins..	July 1, 1871	12	150	450	600	12	70	2	2		46	12	50	15 20	
79—STOW & CHATHAM,															
Rev. E. B. Pike.....	July 1, 1871	12	150	400	550	12	70	1		1	47	20	65	10 26	
80—STRONG,							110				96	10	121	13 50	
Rev. J. Loring Pratt...	July 1, 1871	3	37			3									
Rev. Geo. L. Nims.....	Nov. 18. 1871	4	50			4									

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† For Athens, see No. four.

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Rev. J. Burnham.....	April 12, 1872	3	37	$	$	3								$	$
81—SUMNER,															
Rev. Amasa Loring....	July 1, 1871	12	100	400	500	12	50	1		1	77	15	60	21 00	42 00
82—SWEDEN,															
Rev. T. S. Perry.....	July 1, 1871	12	50			6	65		5		56	40	40	18 00	13 50
83—TEMPLE,															
Rev. Simeon Hackett..	July 1, 1871	12	125	125	250	12	70	1			62	20	60	8 00	12 00
84—FORKS & CARRATUNK,							128*		No	Ch.			60		
Rev. Chas. W. Hill....	July 1, 1871	2½	80			2½									
85 { BINGHAM, THE FORKS,															
Rev. Benj. Merrill.....	June 5, 1872	1	32			1									
86—STEUBEN,															
Rev. Rich'd B. Snell...	May 18, 1872	1½	56			1½	135		No	Ch.			60		
87 { TOPSFIELD, JACKSON BROOK, DANFORTH,							104				31		50		
							62						56	21 00	19 00
							82						50		
Rev. R. D. Osgood.....	July 1, 1871	12	300			6									
Rev. P. B. Shiere.....	June 15, 1872	½	24			½									
88—TREMONT, S. W. Harbor,															
Rev. H. M. Perkins....	July 1, 1871	3½	112	24 50	112	3½	105	1			50	60	90	24 50	
89—TRENTON NARROWS,															
Rev. John N. M'Loney	May 18, 1872	1½	56			1½	75						50		
90—TURNER,															
Rev. A. B. Jordan.....	July 1, 1871	12	150	700	850	12	125	1			115	15	70	15 00	
91—UNION,															
Rev. F. V. Norcross....	July 1, 1871	12	200	450	600	12	150	5	9	3	78	40	130	15 00	13 75
92—UPTON,															
Rev. Wm. P. Sprague..	July 1, 1871	1½	48			1½	75	1			9	8	60	31 00	
Rev. David Garland...		½	12			½									
93 { UPPER STILLWATER, VEAZIE,							100				22	12	80		
							100				18	12	80		
Rev. Geo. J. Pierce....	July 1, 1872	4	121			4									
94—WASHINGTON,															
Rev. A. H. Tebbets....	July 1, 1871	2½	80	47	72	2	110		1		24		50	47 42	7 84
Rev. John C. Beals....	May 18, 1872	1½	48			1½									
95—WATERFORD, N.,															
Rev. W. Newell.....	July 1, 1871	12	200	500	700†	12	100				79	12	90	13 00	47 00
96—WELD,															
Rev. A. Barnum.....	July 1, 1871	2½	80	36	80	2½	90				46	45	70	36 00	31 00
97—WHITING,															
Rev. Geo. Labaw.....	July 1, 1871	3	104	99	104	3	100		3		26	20	65	99 00	
Rev. Wm. Veenschoten	May 25, 1872	1½	48												
98—WILTON,															
Rev. J. Burnham.....	July 1, 1871	12	150			9					85		60		
Rev. Wm. H. Beard...	April 1872	3	50	137	187	3									
99—WINDHAM,															
Rev. L. Wiswall.....	July 1, 1871	12	100	400	500	12	175†	6			48	10	75	28 00	15 00
100—WOOLWICH,															
Rev. H. O. Thayer.....	July 1, 1871	12	100	600	700	12	120			3	98	30	95	6 75	45 75
101—YORK,															
Rev. Joseph Freeman..	July 1, 1871	12	150	450	600	12	55				44	12	40	15 00	21 00
102—WHITNEYVILLE,															
Rev. J. W. Schenck....	July 1, 1871	3	104			3	150		18	1	60	75	100	72 50	
103—TREMONT, Bass Harbor,															
Rev. D. L. Smart.....	July 1, 1871	3	96			3	100	2	No	Ch.		50	200		
104—PERRY,															
Rev. C. L. Guild.....	April 1872	3	50			3	150				48		75		

* 3 Preaching Places.

† Use of Parsonage also.

A BRIEF NOTICE OF SOME OF THE AIDED CHURCHES.

1. The little church in Acton has been favored by the addition of seven to its membership, encouraging them with the assurance that God has not forsaken them, and the hope that further blessings are yet in store for them.

2. Since the Rev. S. L. Gould closed his labors in Albany, by reason of failing health, the church has been favored only with short missions,—has had but two months' preaching the past year. If the church in North Waterford will consent,—and there appears to be no good reason why they should not,—the best thing the church in Albany can do is to unite with them in the support of their minister, and let him divide his time between the two churches on some equitable principle. They might thus relieve the Missionary Society of what is now done for both of them. This economy, both of men and money, needs much to be practiced.

3. This is understood to be the only place on the air-line road from Bangor to Calais where the gospel is preached every Sabbath. The church has lost a venerable deacon, who has passed to his reward. The Sabbath School is twenty per cent larger than ever before. Though the church is still feeble, there is hope in its case, and much importance attached to sustaining the public ordinances of religion in the place.

4. Mr. Plumer left this large field after three months, and removed to the western side of Tremont, on the Island of Mt. Desert, to minister to a new society organized there the previous winter. It was a union effort of different denominations for the purpose of maintaining constant preaching. They intended to support the gospel without missionary aid, but as they did not succeed at once in procuring a stated laborer, the trustees sent them a young man for a few months last summer. This is all the assistance they have had. Since Mr. Plumer went there in the autumn, they have assumed his entire support; and God has greatly blessed his labors,—some thirty souls are already gathered into the kingdom.

But the towns he left in Somerset county have had very little preaching since his departure, save Athens, where the Rev. Mr. Sewall, of St.

Albans, has preached one-fourth of the time. They intend to secure his services the same proportion of the time the coming year.

8. The church in North Belfast is reduced to a very small band. Its members have died, or removed to other places till not only its numbers, but its vital force is ready to expire. They have a good house of worship, a population large enough to furnish, if rightly disposed, a congregation of two hundred living in convenient distance. They only need the breath of the Lord to waken them to a wise regard for their immortal interest, and then a flourishing church might there prevail, as in the days of the lamented Souther. A young man is now laboring with some signs of promise.

11. The church in this town has had for several summers good and useful missionaries, each of whom has reported several hopeful conversions. Some additions have been made to it, and there is reason to hope if a suitable man could be found to labor with them permanently, that a strong church might there arise. They have preaching so small a portion of the year, that their courage sometimes flags, and their hope faints.

12. The church at West Brooksville had one hundred dollars appropriated to aid in support of their minister the past year; but when the year was half expired, they declared independence, and assumed the entire expense of supporting religious ordinances. This is the gratifying result of long-continued effort. They now have a pleasant house of worship, a parsonage, and a worthy minister, and they hope never to fall back upon this Society again for assistance as some have, after attempting self-support. Four conversions and four additions to the church are reported.

Their venerable deacon, for many years the leading spirit in all religious movements, in addressing your Secretary says, "I have written you and other Secretaries of the Maine Missionary Society many times soliciting aid for our society, but never did I write with so much pleasure as at present." After a sketch of their present circumstances, he adds, "and we now say to you and to Maine Missionary Society, we thank you heartily for the aid received, but with the blessing of God we will support our minister in future without aid from you." God be praised.

In reaching this result, the church has been assisted by the Ladies' Sewing Circle, which, within a few years, has paid for the support of the gospel in one form or another $978,—the fruit of their own industry. With such a band of helpers that church will live.

13. Mr. Tingley closes his ministry of two years in this field the present month; the last three months of which have been given wholly to Denmark. In this short ministry, twenty-five conversions have been reported, and twenty-four additions to the churches. Had all our churches been equally favored, nearly three thousand souls would have been added to them the past two years. But owing to some unhappiness arising between Mr. Tingley and the church in Brownfield, he seeks another field of labor. Denmark is to be connected with Sweden the ensuing year, in the support of the Rev. T. S. Perry, who is to divide his labors between the two churches. It is hoped that Brownfield will form a similar connection with Hiram, and again enjoy the stated ordinances of the gospel.

14. Burlington. Mr. Emrick, of the Seminary at Bangor, performed a three months' mission here in the beginning of the year, and excited so much interest that the church engaged him to supply them half the time through the residue of the year at their own charges. The enterprise thus shown gives promise for the future.

15. Buxton Center and Minot. The Rev. J. Smith spent the first three months with the church in Buxton. Since which they have had little if any preaching. This is a feeble band, and the community is so occupied by other denominations that there is little opportunity for growth and enlargement.

Mr. Smith passed at once from Buxton to Minot, where he has labored the residue of the year. He finds there a church well trained, and firmly established in the faith of the gospel, as might well be expected of a people who had enjoyed the able ministry of the late Rev. E. Jones nearly half a century. Ten conversions and ten admissions to the church are reported.

17. Caribou and Fort Fairfield. The Rev. W. T. Sleeper commenced supplying these churches last January, preaching one-fourth of the time in each, the only part of the time in which the houses of worship were open to him; and preaching the remainder of the time in destitute places, where we have no churches. He also edits and publishes a weekly paper called "The North Star." It is the most northerly paper published in the United States. It is a well-conducted print, exerting a healthful, moral, religious, and secular influence. The publisher hopes thereby greatly to extend the sphere of his usefulness.

18. Casco and Harrison. Mr. Lincoln spent a short mission of six weeks in Casco last summer, and a young man has just commenced a

mission there of three and a half months. This little church cared for and nurtured, may hope to grow and become strong.

In the autumn, Mr. Lincoln returned to the State and commenced stated labors in North Bridgton and Harrison, preaching in each place every Sabbath. Only Harrison asks aid of Maine Missionary Society. The prospects of this church are somewhat brighter than in years past. They have repaired their house of worship,—some additions are being made to their number. The interest felt in their new minister is such that in connection with the church in North Bridgton, they have invited him to become their pastor, and he has been ordained as such.

19. Cooper. This little church still lives; has some spiritual energy remaining. A missionary labored there last summer and had some special encouragement,—three conversions; toward the close of his mission prayer-meetings became specially interesting,—about twenty rose for prayer. Could he have continued his labors a season longer, a precious harvest might have been gathered. For the last eight weeks of his mission, Mr. Shiere preached half of each Sabbath in Meddybemps.

20. Cornish. A few mercy drops have fallen upon this field the past year,—three added to the church,—prospects encouraging.

21. Dedham. This church has been so depleted by deaths and removals as to be greatly weakened. Its history has been one of most exemplary enterprise and fidelity in sustaining the means of grace, and contributing to charitable institutions beyond their limits. They have paid Maine Missionary Society the past year $44, and to other objects $71. The pastor writes, "This closes my fourteenth year of labor with this church. During this time 45 have left us, 15 by death, and 30 by removals; yet the church is larger in numbers than when I came to it. The end of the present missionary year, July 1st, will close my labors with this church, and I take the opportunity to return my sincere thanks to the Society (Maine Missionary Society), for their long-continued aid and sympathy in my missionary labors. I shall ever continue to remember the Society in my prayers and contributions." The brother soon removes to Massachusetts.

22. North Deer Isle. This church has ever been a feeble band. It is scarcely able to raise $200 a year for the support of its pastor. Maine Missionary Society gives them $200, and their minister, with his little family contrives, with what little he can earn by teaching in the winter, to live and labor among them. Four have been added to the church.

23. Dexter. The condition of this church the past year has been

somewhat peculiar. The house of worship is owned by the Congregationalists; but as they are unable to support preaching all the time, they invited a F. W. Baptist church, which has no house, to meet and worship with them. For several years they have constituted but one congregation, each denomination supplying the pulpit half the time till the past year, when they both united in supporting the same man, the Rev. Amos Redlon, of the F. W. Baptist church. The arrangement has proved a happy one, and the two churches have dwelt together in harmony, united in both public and social worship, keeping the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.

25. EASTPORT. Mr. Pierce has proved a most acceptable supply during the year. He has been recently ordained as an evangelist, and is engaged for another year. The church, though numbering nearly one hundred, is feeble, having but one brother whose voice is heard in the prayer-meeting. Two have recently been added by profession. They greatly need the visits of the Spirit.

26. EDGECOMB. The same urgent want is here felt.

27. FRANKFORT. A young man from Hartford Seminary has just commenced a mission with this church. As he prophesies over the dry bones of this valley, he may hope to see life infused into them, provided the spirit shall breathe upon them.

28. FREEDOM. A mission of two months was here performed last July and August by Mr. F. S. Schenck, commanding the respect of a community not distinguished for its reverence for divine things. Could he have been retained there a long time there is much reason to hope that he would have gathered a harvest of souls. Another young man from Princeton Seminary is now laboring there with much zeal and courage.

29. GARLAND. Six conversions, and six additions to the church. The benefits of a permanent ministry are here clearly seen in the gradual growth and stability of the church, and the prevalence of an elevated morality.

31. GRAY. The church here holds on its way; and under the faithful labors of their pastor will, it is hoped, attain to independence. It is bu tlittle aid they now ask.

32. GREENBUSH AND OLAMON. No church in either place. But they have had preaching most of the time through the year from students in the Bangor Seminary.

33. GREENVILLE. The Rev. James Cameron, closes this month a

successful ministry in this place of more than two years. He finds the climate too severe for his health, and feels constrained to seek a lower latitude. Largely through his influence a church has been organized, now containing about forty members. Ten conversions are reported, and four additions to the church. A strong influence has been arrayed against Sabbath-breaking and other prevailing vices, and notwithstanding wickedness still abounds, the morals of the place are decidedly improved. Mr. Cameron bears with him the respect and kindest wishes of the people, who greatly regret his departure.

34. HAMPDEN. Mr. Bowler, after two months, removed to Saccarappa, since which, this church has obtained a supply from Bangor.

36. HIRAM. This little church, it is hoped, has touched bottom, and is beginning to rise. Under the stimulating influence of some of their late missionaries the people have resolved to arise and build. A house of worship is being erected, and it is to be completed in a few weeks. If they can arrange with Brownfield to employ a minister in both places, they may soon have the stated means of grace through the year.

37. The church in JACKSON AND BROOKS has settled a pastor the past year, the Rev. Albert N. Jones. His labors have already been blessed, and a dozen conversions are reported. A parsonage has been purchased, surrounded with pasturage and woodland. The prospects of this church have not been more hopeful for years.

38. KENDUSKEAG has been largely supplied from Bangor. A missionary has been sent them for the summer.

39. KENNEBUNKPORT. This church, now more than 140 years old, still needs aid. Still their minister writes encouragingly. "A nice cabinet organ has been purchased, a new hymn and tune book procured; some quickening and refreshing influences of the Spirit enjoyed in the winter and spring,—increased attendance on the Sabbath services, and in the Sabbath School."

40. KITTERY. Darkness reigns.

41. LIGONIA. A mission of three months was granted this church in the beginning of the year, most of the expense of which it assumed. It is one of the most religious communities in the State.

42. LIMINGTON. Nothing special in this church. The means of grace are regularly sustained. One conversion, one addition. Some three to four hundred dollars have been expended in repairs upon the house of worship, and one hundred and fifty dollars besides labor have been raised to repair the parsonage. These are encouraging signs of life, full of promise for the future.

44. LITCHFIELD. This church, like many others, is kept feeble by emigration. Still they do not feel that they can do without the gospel, and are taxing themselves more and more highly, that they may statedly enjoy the inestimable privilege of public worship on the Sabbath.

45. LOVELL was favored with a mission last summer of two and a half months. Last winter the church declined receiving a missionary for the present summer, as they were taking measures to procure a permanent supply.*

46. MADISON. Ten have been added to this church, seven by profession, three by letters. If emigration does not prostrate this church, it may hope for long life. They are neither fickle nor fastidious, but show their high approval of a permanent ministry by continuing to employ the same honored pastor for more than twenty years. His ministry has been blessed and honored of God. May he in the future gather richer harvests than in the past.

47. EAST MADISON sought earnestly for a minister in the early part of the missionary year, but without success. Some hopeful converts, it was supposed, might be gathered into the church. But it was not till last month a missionary was found to labor with them. He finds an encouraging state of things. Several soon to unite with the church,—several anxious inquiries,—one recent hope.

48. MARSHFIELD. For notice of this church, see the latter part of this report,—page 106.

51. MEDWAY. Mr. Rea spent two months in this place last summer, and then left for Connecticut. He had secured large subscriptions for the erection of a house of worship, and he hoped it would soon be built. But adverse events and circumstances have delayed the work. A missionary has been sent them for the summer.

52. MONMOUTH has a missionary occupying their house every Sabbath. It may be hoped the time is not distant when they will be blest with a permanent pastorate, and the time of weakness and discouragement give place to a season of strength and prosperity.

53. MONSON AND BLANCHARD. The churches in these towns have heretofore been united in support of the same man, who has divided his time between them. But the precious work of grace the past year has so strengthened the church in Monson, that hereafter the minister will devote his entire service to it. Although they do not assume his entire

*They have engaged the Rev. E. F. Abbott for one year.

support, they ask of Maine Missionary Society one hundred dollars less than what was paid the united churches the past year. See page 106.

54. Moose River. Mr. Richardson's mission in this destitute community last summer was a gratifying success. He hoped that some score of the people were induced to accept Jesus as their Saviour. Another missionary has just gone to the settlement.

55. Mount Desert. There are now no less than three of our preachers on this island,—Mr. Plumer at Bass Harbor, whom the people support,—Mr. Salter at Somesville, and Mr McLoney at the Narrows,—his congregation partly from the island, and partly from the main. These two are missionaries for the summer; and a fourth, Mr. H. M. Perkins is expected to enter upon his labors at South West Harbor, the first of July.* Mr. Perkins performed a mission at this place last summer, and such mutual interest was awakened, that he has consented to come back and spend at least a year, and will probably soon be ordained.† May we not hope that evangelical religion will soon be on the ascending scale on that interesting Isle of the Sea? Mr. Plumer has already been permitted to reap a precious harvest.

56. West Newfield. Some mercy drops have fallen; three added to the church; outside of the meeting-house painted.

57. A hard field, requiring vigorous faith and patient labor, and lively hope. Whoever shall be the means of rendering it a fruitful field, will be no common benefactor.

58. New Sweden. This is the name given to a new settlement in Northern Aroostook, formed by Swedes, direct from their Fatherland. A part of the people are Baptists, and have been organized into a church of that denomination. The larger part are Lutherans, who have an evangelical minister,—Rev. Andrew Wiren,‡—who has been with them ten months. Both denominations worship together in the same house, —a large building erected by the State,—the lower story used for a store, the upper, a hall for public worship and other purposes. Here Mr. Wiren preaches every Sabbath, and has a congregation ranging from one hundred to three hundred. He regards the Lutheran church as numbering one hundred. The people not being able to furnish a full support for their minister, Maine Missionary Society aids them at the rate of $300 a year. It is a settlement of great interest to the State, and most worthily has the State extended to it a fostering care. Mr. Wiren taught a school in English last winter.

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* He has arrived. † A council is already called. ‡ Pronounced Veranne.

59. NORTHFIELD. As the fruit of a revival enjoyed there a year last spring, fifteen have been added to this little church, more than doubling its membership. The missionary there last summer, and the one now with them, have found it a field of great interest. The gospel is so highly appreciated, that there is great pleasure in preaching it.

60. NORWAY, 1st, has had but little congregational preaching since the union between them and the 2d church, in supporting the same minister, was dissolved. A young man from Yale Seminary is preaching with them for the summer. It would seem wise for them to enter into an arrangement with the second church, so that their minister should preach to them a portion of the time.

61. NORWAY, 2d, has yielded to the request of their pastor, the Rev. T. T. Merry, for a dismission, and they have engaged Mr. Geo. N. Kelley for the coming year. This church holds an important position, and gives promise of future growth and usefulness.

62. OLDTOWN, after having had a mission of two months at the beginning of the missionary year, engaged Mr. Rand as stated supply, who has been with them nine months. The congregation and Sabbath School have been much larger than in the previous year, and nine have been added to the church. This is a better record than for several years. We hope it portends growth and independence, and future and extensive usefulness in its important locality.

63. The church in OXFORD is gradually gaining strength, and its prospects are brighter than for a long time. Its Sabbath School is larger than the congregation. Eight conversions and seven additions are reported.

64. PASSADUMKEAG has been supplied through the year from the Seminary at Bangor. The church is a mere handful. The people are poor, and are mainly dependent on charity for such religious privileges as they enjoy.

65. PATTEN AND ISLAND FALLS. The pastor of these churches left them in the early part of the year in obedience to a call from Orono. Since then they have had very little preaching. They have been repeatedly disappointed in their expectations. It is very sad that ministers cannot be found for places so needy and so promising. The Rev. H. Houston performed a short mission there in the autumn, and much hope was entertained that he would settle with them, but he has decided to remain on Deer Isle.

66. The pastor of this little church left after nine months, and they are now destitute, with no bright prospects for the future.

67. PRESQUE ISLE. Mr. Hardy here labors to general acceptance, and needs only the large outpouring of the Spirit to make progress in the great work of saving souls. This is an important post,—has a good house of worship, built largely by the charities of the Congregational churches of the State, for the use of the Congregational church and people of Presque Isle.

68. PRINCETON. Mr. J. J. Blair had a mission here last year extending two months into the present year. At the close of his mission an unusual solemnity pervaded the place. Very soon after he returned to his studies, it was developed in a striking manner. Strong men became weeping penitents at the foot of the cross. Mr. J. E. Walker, then under an engagement to a foreign field, came and labored with this people four months before leaving for China. The good work went forward till the leading men of the place were brought into the kingdom. A remarkable feature of the work was that it was confined almost exclusively to the adult population, mostly heads of families, scarcely reaching at all the Sabbath Schools. Mr. Blair, having finished his course at Bangor, has returned to Princeton under an engagement for one year.

69. ROBBINSTON. On the retirement of Mr. Kelley from this place at the close of the year, the Rev. George Juchau, from the West, was soon found to fill the place. He has labored there about nine months, greatly to the gratification of the church. He preaches a part of the time at Red Beach.

70. ROCKPORT has obtained a stated supply after having been without one for some years. The Rev. A. J. McLeod commenced labor there about the last of September. God has smiled on his labors, and the dews of grace have been gently distilled, and some twelve or fifteen have yielded to the claims of the Son of God for their love and obedience. Several have come into the church, and others are expected.

71. RUMFORD. Mr. Elliott has ministered to this church through the year. Dixfield has become so enfeebled by deaths and removals as to be unable to pay much for preaching, and hence Mr. Elliott has retired from this place and concentrated his efforts upon Rumford.

72. Since Mr. Plumer left ATHENS for TREMONT, the church in Athens has employed Mr. Sewall, of St. Albans, one fourth of the time, the only portion of the time in which the house of worship can be occupied by a congregational preacher. Mr. Sewall now has the laborious task of preaching to three churches,—Athens, St. Albans, and Plymouth.

73. SANFORD. Important repairs have been made in the house of

worship. A minister, the Rev. Elias Chapman, has become a stated supply, and many hopes are entertained that the captivity of Zion is soon to be turned in this long depressed and discouraged church.

74. SOUTH SANFORD has now a missionary for a few months.

76. SHERMAN. Since the departure of their beloved pastor to the higher regions of the Aroostook, this church have obtained the services of the Rev. Thomas E. Brastow. He has removed his family into their parsonage, and will statedly minister to that interesting church and people. He has a good congregation, and a Sabbath School still larger. By the combined efforts of the minister and the church, there is much promise for the future.

77. SOLON AND BINGHAM. Mr. Smith had a mission to these churches last summer. The people of Solon became so much interested in his labors, that they conceived the plan of securing his entire services at the close of his Seminary course. They have succeeded, and Mr. Smith was ordained the week after his graduation, and next week is to enter upon his labors there for one year at least. Bingham has now a missionary laboring between that place and The Forks.

78. STANDISH. Mr. Hopkins still preaches to this people,—reports two conversions and two additions to the church. He is soon to leave.

80. STRONG. This church has had preaching ten months of the year from three individuals,—the last three months from Rev. J. Burnham, who is engaged for a year.

86. STEUBEN. This is a new field not before occupied by us. A young man from Yale is spending the summer there under pleasant and encouraging circumstances.

87. TOPSFIELD AND VICINITY. Mr. Osgood left this field at the close of the civil year, and is now preaching in Kennebunkport, South. At the meeting of the Washington County Conference last October, he and his brother were ordained. A missionary from Hartford is now in this field laboring to great acceptance.

91. UNION. Mr. Norcross continues his valuable labors here in circumstances full of encouragement. He reports five conversions, twelve additions to the church,—nine by profession and three by letter. Mr. Norcross is surrounded by a large and destitute region, and is called on to preach much at funerals in several towns, greatly adding to the burdens of pastoral life, and widening the circle of his influence and usefulness.

94. WASHINGTON. This little church, long destitue, has been re-

freshed and cheered by missionary service last year, of about three months, and has one laboring with them at the present time. If a suitable man could by any means be sustained there for a succession of years, there might be hope of enlargement and strength.

98. WILTON. The Rev. W. H. Beard succeeds Mr. Burnham in this place. The liberality of the people has been enlarged in the provision they have made for his support.

99. WINDHAM. A hard field, but their pastor has much of the patience of hope. He sows much good seed which may yet yield a glorious harvest.

100. WOOLWICH. This church has felt compelled to fall back on this Society for aid in the support of their pastors. Removals have weakened it.

102. WHITNEYVILLE has received a large accession to the church, adding almost fifty per cent to its membership. Their house of worship is in progress toward completion. It is hoped the day is not distant when some good minister of the Lord Jesus Christ will occupy it constantly, and the hallowed influence of a preached gospel be widely diffused through the place.

104. PERRY, after getting through one year at its own charges, has felt obliged to ask assistance again. Mr. Guild is in his second year with that church and people. His field is one of much interest and importance. When thoroughly cultivated, it will hardly need charitable aid.

SUMMARY.

THE number of missionaries employed by Maine Missionary Society the past year is one hundred and twenty-three, nine more than in the previous year. Last year twenty-five more were employed than in the year before. Thirty-six have labored through the whole year, sixteen between six and ten months, twenty-seven between three and six months, and forty-three less than three months. The amount of labor is about sixty years. It has been expended upon one hundred and twenty stations.

Our missionaries report three hundred and forty-three hopeful conversions. Additions to the churches, three hundred and thirty-four,—two hundred and fifty-four by profession, eighty by letter. The membership in these churches is five thousand and thirty-six. Some two thousand three hundred and ninety-four attend the weekly prayer-meetings. The Sabbath Schools contain eight thousand.

The contributions to charitable objects amount to three thousand four hundred and seventy dollars, of which two thousand and twelve dollars are for Maine Missionary Society.

The average attendance on the services of the sanctuary, is eleven thousand four hundred and fifty-four.

In all respects there has, in these results, been an encouraging advance upon the previous year. Nine more missionaries, seven more years of labor, seven hundred more in the Sabbath congregations, one hundred and thirty-six more conversions, one hundred and nine more added to the churches, a few more at the weekly-prayer meetings, nine hundred more in the Sabbath Schools. Contributions a trifle more. The membership of the churches has increased one hundred and twenty-seven, eight missionaries have been ordained, four as pastors, one church has become self-sustaining, and two have fallen back upon this Society for aid.

REVIVALS.

The labors of our missionaries have been more successful than in some previous years. Our missionary work at Marshfield, a small town taken from Machias, entered upon his labors last July, in the midst of revival scenes. The good work prevailed through the summer, and in the autumn a church was organized of forty-three members, seventeen of whom were from the church in Machias, and twenty-six were the subjects of the precious work of grace. It was a great work considering the amount of population, and it bore the impress of a divine hand. It is expected that a house of worship will soon be erected there. Northfield and Whitneyville have received large accessions. These three churches have been favored; this is the third season with the labors of excellent young men, all except one from the Seminary of the Reformed Church in New Brunswick, N. J. We have no better missionaries than from that Seminary.

Princeton, in the same county, has also been the scene of a distinguished work of grace, the result of which is the addition to the church of twenty-six members, the majority of them men in the prime of life; more than doubling the number of the church, and greatly augmenting its moral power. But the most extensive revival in our mission field has occurred under the ministry of the Rev. A. H. Tyler, in Monson and Blanchard,—fifty converts in the former, and twenty-five in the latter. Several other churches have had gentle refreshings, and Sunday additions, as Greenville, Jackson, and Brooks, Minot, and Rockport, besides a goodly number of hopeful conversions in places where there are no organized churches.

TREASURY.

The finances of the Society are in a healthy condition,—not so much from the abounding liberality of the churches in their ordinary contributions, for these fall short of the average amounts, as from the unusual sum received from legacies. For particulars see the Treasurer's Report.

The appropriations of the year are a little in excess of fifteen thousand dollars ($15,107.33.) Orders have been drawn on the treasury for fourteen thousand three hundred and sixty-one dollars ($14,361.12.) Now due the missionaries for services already rendered, four thousand four hundred and seventy-four dollars ($4,474), for which orders have

already been filled. The receipts at this meeting must be unusually large to extinguish these claims. May we not hope that the liberality of the friends of the cause will come fully up to the exigencies of the case?

Such, then, are the numerical and some of the spiritual results of the labor performed and money expended the past year. Viewed in the light of the soul's value, and the immortal interests of many scores secured for eternity, the *results are glorious.* When the great Teacher has instructed us that the whole world in the scale against one soul is comparatively worthless, we have cause of devout thankfulness that so goodly a number have been won to Christ, and are on their way to the celestial city. We will thank God and labor on.

But when these results are compared with the vast work to be done,—with the urgent wants of the multitudes perishing in their sins,—are they such as should satisfy the laborers in this cause? The churches of Maine which sustain this Society, are a part of the universal church, which has in trust the great work of discipling all nations. The field is the world. That part of the field more specially committed to their culture are those portions of this State which depend on them for the means of grace. If you divide the population among the different evangelical denominations, at least one-fifth, if not one-fourth, will come under the care of our own churches,—say about one hundred and thirty thousand. Of this population about twenty thousand are gathered into our churches leaving one hundred and ten thousand, almost five-sixths out of the pale of the visible kingdom. Our one hundred and twenty-three missionaries have performed more than sixty years of labor in feeble and needy places; they have been quite as successful, it is believed, as their brethren who have labored with the stronger churches. Indeed the most extensive revivals in the State have been in our mission fields, and yet our missionaries report less than three converts to a man, or about five and a half to a year's labor. When, at this rate, other denominations being only equally successful, will Maine reach the millennium, when all shall know the Lord?

To him who looks and longs for the coming of Christ's kingdom, its slow progress becomes extremely painful; for while it lingers souls perish. Overwhelming majorities sweep on to eternity without the least preparation for its solemn scenes; and one is led to cry out in anguish, "How long, O Lord, how long!"

The grand problem of the age, one calling for the earnest study and

profoundest wisdom of God's people. is this: How shall the progress of the kingdom he so accelerated that before another century shall roll around Christendom shall become holiness unto the Lord? Leaving out of view heathendom with its teeming millions, when will prophetic views of this world's condition be witnessed in Christendom? What new measures are to be adopted? What new style of preaching that shall attract to the house of God the multitudes now treating it with utter neglect? What new type of piety in the church which shall stop the mouths of gainsayers and hush the clamors of infidelity, and carry irresistible conviction to the masses of the truth, and transcendent excellency of the gospel? What change must come over the Christian ministry—what new spirit animate them, so that like the apostles they may in a few weeks or months, on entering any part of the kingdom of Satan win such numbers to the standard of Emanuel, as to form a Christian church? How is the spirit of prayer to become so intensified and sustained by an unfaltering faith that the windows of heaven shall be opened, and the Spirit come down with mighty power to instamp upon human character the image of the holy One? The man that shall solve this sublime problem in all its parts, and bring the church fully up to the demand of its grand mission, will confer on the world a richer blessing than mortal ever yet bestowed.

To intensify the interest in Home Missions, and bring the churches to a more practical realization of their importance, a series of conventions have been held in Massachusetts and Connecticut. Able friends of the cause have come together and spread before the congregations assembled the condition of our great country,—the moral wastes already widely extended,—the rapid increase of an unevangelized population,—the indispensable necessity of the conservative influence of the gospel not only for the good of individual souls, but for the safety of our government, and the perpetuity of our free institutions, and the obligations of the church to gird themselves for mightier efforts in this cause.

It is the testimony of Dr. Hooker, the Secretary of the Maine Home Missionary Society, that these conventions have been greatly blessed,—"that they are worth a thousand fold more than they cost in time and labor." He proposes a new series of them in Massachusetts next autumn, and earnestly recommends that we try them in Maine.

If the churches of Massachusetts need the influence of such conventions, much more do the churches of Maine, especially the strong church-

es. It is the prevalent opinion of those best able to judge that they are not nearly as liberal toward this, and other charitable institutions, as the churches of the Bay State. If the strong churches and parishes would spend as liberally as do the weak churches for the support and spread of the gospel, there would be no lack of means. Our mission churches and societies pay from one to two, and even two and a half per cent on their taxable property for the support of religious ordinances. Let the strong pay even one per cent for the support of the gospel at home and its diffusion among the destitute, and there are societies that would pay for this object sums that would seem almost fabulous. A church and society possessed of a million would pay ten thousand annually; two millions, twenty thousand; five millions, fifty thousand. There are numbers in the State that would on this scale raise their ten thousand, and perhaps a few that would raise thirty to fifty thousand. Many of the feeble societies do *more* than this in proportion to their means. When will the strong more cheerfully and abundantly sustain the weak? When will the church—the redeemed of the Lord—learn the heavenly wisdom of living not unto themselves?

The Lord Jesus has given us the conditions of discipleship,—"He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me." Indeed, love to Christ must transcend love to one's own life. The test is a searching one. Let it be applied, and its conditions be fully met, and a wondrous change would be wrought in the visible church, and perhaps in no one thing more than in the use and disposal of wealth. How a man of large property—worth his hundreds of thousands, not to say millions—can, when making a final disposition of it, give nine-tenths to his children and only one-tenth—perhaps not this—to Christ and his cause, and yet claim that he loves Christ more than sons and daughters, is among the problems not easily solved. How such claims of discipleship will stand the final trial is a momentous question which every man to whom God has given large wealth should deeply ponder.

In the great day of final trial the rule of judgment will not be the selfish maxims of this world, but the words of Christ,—the love of the infinite God.

The American Home Missionary Society holds on its beneficent way diffusing the blessings of the gospel still wider from year to year. It has employed, during the last twelve months of its operations, nine hundred

sixty-one missionaries, supplying in whole or in part two thousand and eleven stations. The aggregate of ministerial labor is seven hundred and sixty years; connected with their Sabbath Schools, seventy-six thousand and five hundred. Eighty-four churches have been organized; forty-four houses of worship completed; additions to the churches six thousand three hundred and fifty-eight. In all these respects there has been an important advance upon the previous year.

Still there is room. Our vast country, capable of sustaining nearly half the population of the globe, and filling up with unparalleled rapidity from all lands, presents a most magnificent field for missionary enterprise. Never was there devolved upon any portion of the Christian church graver responsibilities than now rest upon the American church to go in and possess this land. With all the advantages of a free government, free schools, free churches, and a free gospel, with her vastly increasing pecuniary resources, if she fails to possess the land,—if she suffers any adverse power to control it, and bind it to the car of the god of this world, she will be wofully recreant to the solemn trusts imposed upon her.

Our greatest embarrassment in the missionary work in Maine is the want of ministers. The able paper on the subject of the ministry presented to the National Council at Oberlin last autumn by the Rev. Mr. Cushing, developed some painful facts on this subject. "The New England colleges furnished during the twenty years from 1845 to 1865, 447 ministers less than they did in the twenty years immediately preceding." This falling off in the number of young men entering the ministry, while the population of the country is rapidly increasing, is a most threatening fact in regard to the future prospects of the church. The church should awake to this subject with earnest prayer to Almighty God, that the hearts of young men of suitable gifts and culture may be turned to the holy ministry. There is in this State a very frequent call for ministers, when none are found to respond to the call; many of our churches must remain destitute unless more men of a humble and unambitious spirit are brought into the ministry,—men who shall cheerfully toil where their names shall be little known, that they may win souls to Christ, and train them for heaven.

This matter is commended to Christian parents,—especially Christian mothers, that they may imitate the example of a mother in Israel long ages ago, who lent her son to the Lord as long as he should live. There

is no one subject of vital interest on which there is more apparent apathy,—no one in respect to which there is more urgent necessity of a quickened interest, of vitalized and fervent prayer that the Lord of the harvest would send forth more abundant laborers into the whitened fields.

In behalf of the Trustees,

S. THURSTON, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S

Dr. MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY, IN ACCOUNT

1872.

June 24.—To balance in Treasury as settled June 24, 1871 ..... $2,393.48

RECEIVED INCOME FROM PERMANENT FUND AS FOLLOWS, VIZ.:

To received from dividend Casco National Bank	$200.00	
" " " " Canal " "	260.00	
" " " " Traders " "	77.00	
" " " " State " "	41.50	
" " " " Lewiston Falls Manufacturing Co	87.50	
" " " " Portland, Saco, and Portsmouth Railroad	29.24	
" " " " U. S. Stock, $140.90; Portland City, $58.50	199.40	
" " " " Bath City	87.74	
		962.38

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.

To received from Mr. J. J. Blair, refunded	$ 7.00	
" " " Rev. Dr. Thurston, preaching	84.70	
" " " Interest on Loans	493.30	
" " " Interest Savings Bank, Saco	26.53	
" " " Loans	13,300.00	
		13,911.53

LEGACIES.

Received from the estate late Ezra Abbott, Brooks	$ 500.00	
" " " " " Hannah Gooch, Wells	500.00	
" " " " " T. J. Chapman, Bethel	506.25	
" " " " " Elizabeth Carlton, Harrington	151.12	
" " " " " Hannah Gooch, Wells	500.00	
" " " " " Mary Cleaves, Hallowell	3,000.00	
" " " " " John C. Brooks, Portland	500.00	
" " " " " Daniel Robinson, Bucksport, to per fund	250.00	
" " " " " Mrs. L. W. Maxwell, Wells (annual)	6.00	
" " " " " Nancy Sanborn, Whitneyville	117.35	
" " " " " Henry Goddard, Portland	500.00	
" " " " " Ansel Field, Portland	1,000.00	
		7,539.72

BEQUESTS.

Received from the estate late Mrs. Solomon Stone, Hampden	$ 194.25	
" " " " " Huldah Blanchard, Yarmouth	400.00	
" " " " " Z. A. Hyde, Bangor	400.00	
		994.25
W. B. Sewall Fund, received income		334.97
Rec'd from churches, collections, donations, annuities, life-memberships, etc.		8,268.76
		$34,411.69

EPORT.

TH JOSHUA MAXWELL, TREASURER. *Cr.*

24.—By paid Missionaries on Trustees' orders			$13,779.58
" " Rev. Dr. Thurston's salary, $1,300	$ 1,300.00		
" " Rev. Dr. Thurston, travelling expenses, etc., $150.02	150.02		
" " B. Thurston & Co., bills, $223.03	223.03		
" " C. A. Lord, bills, $58.73	58.73		
" " Sewall Fund to Mrs. Bourne, $237.24	237.24		
" " W. B. Sewall Fund to Judge Bourne, Executor	334.97		
" " Permanent Fund toward legacy late Daniel Robinson	190.68		
" " Portland & Rochester Bond toward legacy late Ansel Field	941.64		
" " Randell, of Biddeford, as per vote Trustees	40.00		
" " Sundry Loans, $14,600.00	14,600.00		
" Treasurer's account as per bill rendered, $45.11	45.11		
			18,121.42
" Balance in Treasury, as settled this day			$2,510.14
			$34,411.09

	$34,411.09

e have examined the foregoing account, and find the same correctly cast and properly ched, and showing a balance in the Treasury two thousand five hundred and ten and 14-100 lars ($2,510.14).

GEO. F. THURSTON.

land, June 25, 1872.

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 25, 1872.

Aroostook Conference.

County Conference	16 00	Passadumkeag	27 92
Burlington	27 00		
Dalton	5 00		$75 92

Cumberland Conference.

Portland Ladies' Missionary Circle	13 00	County Conference	39 73
" Sundry Individuals	24 00	Gray	64 78
" State Street*	408 09	Yarmouth, 1st	281 41
" Plymouth †	172 50	Falmouth	18 00
" Second Church	00 00	Harpswell	16 22
" St. Lawrence	36 59	New Gloucester	49 05
" Fourth Church	5 00	Deering	5 00
Durham	47 02	Ligonia	30 00
Freeport	62 39	Cumberland Mills	87 50
Gorham	76 00	Lewiston	25 00
Windham	28 00	Minot	37 50
Auburn	95 07	Westbrook	27 21
Saccarappa	25 00	South Freeport	50 50
Brunswick	306 00		$2,039 51

Franklin Conference.

Farmington	123 08	New Vineyard	7 75
Temple	10 00	Weld	36 00
Wilton	29 35	New Sharon	14 00
Farmington Falls	8 00		$228 18
Strong	10 00		

Hancock Conference.

Bluehill	22 00	Tremont	40 49
Ellsworth	90 00	County Conference	30 22
Buckspport	254 75	No. Deer Isle	12 00
Deer Isle, 1st	37 00	Amherst and Aurora	22 78
Castine	126 25		$655 49
Mt. Desert	20 00		

Kennebec Conference.

Vassalboro'	6 00	Augusta	4 00
Waterville	7 00	Monmouth	10 00
Winslow	31 50	Winthrop	3 00
County Conference	18 30	Litchfield	15 00
Hallowell	172 65		$321 95
Gardiner	64 50		

Lincoln and Sagadahoc Conference.

Rockland	35 00	Bath, Central Church	202 63
Waldoboro'	26 25	Washington	47 42
Bristol	11 34	Alna	3 00
Warren	35 00	State Conference	66 95
Wiscasset	23 00	Newcastle, 2d	75 67
Bath, Winter street	330 68	S. P. Carleton	5 00
Edgecomb	51 00	Woolwich	6 75
Boothbay	6 00	Topsham	29 76
Union	15 00		$1,009 95
Thomaston	34 00		

*The amount credited State Street Church in the last Annual Report, instead of $455.47, should have been $696.87.

†The amount credited to Plymouth Church, instead of $82.00, should have been $176.00. Honor to whom honor is due.

Oxford Conference.

, 1st	80 00	Bethel, 2d	10 00
r	23 20	Upton	31 00
rd	17 00	Norway, 2d	10 64
	25 00	Norway, 1st	10 00
Conference	31 79	Turner	15 09
	23 00		
			$276 73

Penobscot Conference.

r, 1st	87 67	Greenbush	41 64
Central	382 50	Olamon	27 33
Hammond street	227 50	J. J. Blair	7 00
n	94 38	J. W. Brownbill	10 00
skeag	15 50	Brewer, 1st	61 63
	26 50		
ath	5 72		$997 86

Piscataquis Conference.

rille	35 40	Foxcroft	32 00
Conference	12 50	Dexter	15 00
ard	17 00	Monson	40 00
ville	26 25		
d	42 00		$220 15

Somerset Conference.

ans	22 67	Athens	6 00
gewock	52 00	Bingham	37 50
	17 00	Solon	25 00
Conference	4 60	Conaunk	5 50
n	29 00		
rville	3 00		$202 27

Union Conference.

on	19 35	Lovell	17 30
aterford	13 00	Albany	35 75
n	18 00	Brownfield	5 00
ng	94 71	No. Bridgton	5 15
	62 94		
			$271 20

Waldo Conference.

ort, 1st	115 25	Rockport	27 17
ort, 2d	15 00	Winterport	2 50
on	8 50	Camden	58 10
k	97 50	Jackson and Brooks	13 00
m	34 00	County Conference	13 70
ifast	32 20		
			$421 92

Washington Conference.

aston	14 00	County Conference	70 47
ld	36 13	Machiasport	14 07
field	47 85	Columbia Falls	100 00
ryville	72 50	Calais	50 00
g	99 00	Eastport	25 00
ton	80 00	E. Machias	36 35
field	51 00	Machias	100 00
r	64 00		
			$360 37

York Conference.

ford	20 00	Kennebunk	113 00
1st	91 34	W. Lebanon	25 00
unkport	21 04	Acton	20 00
ford, 2d	83 00	York, 1st	37 30
y	23 00	York, 2d	15 00
gton	13 70	S. Berwick	11 00
	8 25	Lyman	15 17
d	5 00	W. Newfield	17 00
	45 00		
h	15 00		$578 80

Sundry Individuals.

ock and family	30 00	Rev. E. Whittlesy	10 00
Adams	10 00	S. T.	84 70
S. F. Wilcox	10 00		
Sweetser	30 00		$174 70

mount in the above table is $8,371.49.

LIFE MEMBERS

RECOGNIZED SINCE LAST ANNUAL REPORT.

Lucy Garvin.....Acton
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Doane R. Atkins.....Amherst College
John Kilby Whittier.....Augusta
Annie L. Sprague.....Bath
Augustus C. Sprague.....Bath
David F. Brown.....Bethel
Mrs. S. A. Chapman.....Bethel
Ceylon Rowe.....Bethel
Dr. N. T. True.....Bethel
Mara A. Bacon.....Biddeford
Martha Emmons McKenney.....Biddeford
Elizabeth Stimpson.....Biddeford
Rev. P. B. Wilcox.....Bluehill
Rev. J. W. H. Baker.....Brewer
Mrs. Sarah D. Baker.....Brewer
Edward H. Law.....Brewer
Mrs. Owen Williams.....Brownville
Mrs. Ann E. Byington.....Brunswick
Rev. Ezra H. Byington.....Brunswick
Alice F. McKeen.....Brunswick
Charlott Pennell.....Brunswick
Emma C. Stanwood.....Brunswick
Ellen M. Norwood.....Camden
Mrs. E. R. Huston.....Deer Isle
Miss Rebecca Hatch.....Eastport
Miss Bessie L. Bryant.....East Machias
Sarah B. Harris.....East Machias
Josiah T. Stetson.....East Sumner
Ebenezer Chase.....Edgecomb
John Chase.....Edgecomb
Thomas E. Hale.....Ellsworth
Lizzie True.....Ellsworth
John M. S. Hunter.....Farmington
Rev. Geo. N. Marden.....Farmington
Herbert H. Rice.....Farmington
Mrs. Rollinston Woodbury.....Farmington
Mrs. Eunice T. Curtis.....Freeport
Mrs. Almira Gregg.....Freeport
Josiah P. Merrill.....Freeport
Sarah E. Foye.....Gardiner
Bridgett W. Partridge.....Gardiner
Harriet Whitman.....Gardiner
Rev. Leonard Z. Ferris.....Gorham
Mrs. Elizabeth Pond Ferris.....Gorham
Mrs. Hinkley.....Gorham
Mrs. E. A. Marr.....Gray
Elizabeth Appleton Sanborn.....Hallowell
Thaddeus Sheperdson.....Hancock
Hannah Dorman.....Kennebunk
Jeremiah Smith.....Kennebunkport
Emila B. Duncan.....Kittery Point
Dr. Charles M. Bailey.....Machias
Mrs. Merrill Gardiner.....Machias
Erl Longfellow.....Machias
Rev. Thomas T. Merry.....Machias
Mrs. Solomon Meserve.....Machias
Edward W. Mitchell.....Machias
Mrs. Emma Weston.....Madison
Geo. Herbert Putnam.....Millbury, Mass.
Rev. E. R. Osgood.....Mount Desert
Prof. M. C. Fernald.....Orono
Emily P. Banks.....Portland
Margarett Dwinal.....Portland
Mary S. Hamilton.....Portland
Charlotte M. Prince.....Portland
Mrs. Harriet M. Bean.....Saco
Mrs. Mary E. Frink.....Saco
Jane Hunter.....Strong
Mrs. Sarah C. Soule.....South Freeport
Mrs. Olive Waite.....South Freeport
Florence L. Tuttle.....Thomaston
Miss Susan Howland.....Topsham
Mary Vaughn.....Warren
J. W. Hubbard.....Wells
Mrs. L. S. Littlefield.....Wells
Dr. J. R. Eaton.....Wilton
Mrs. Sarah Eaton.....Wilton
Mrs. Mary H. Barbour.....Yarmouth
Mrs. Emily S. Bartlett.....Yarmouth
Rev. Leavitt Bartlett.....Yarmouth
James M. Bucknam.....Yarmouth
M. C. Merrill.....Yarmouth
George N. Soule.....Yarmouth
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MINISTERS FROM MAINE IN FOREIGN LANDS.

HENRY BLODGETT, Bucksport Church, Yale Seminary, 1848.....Pekin, China.
ELIAS BOND, Hallowell Church, Bangor Seminary, 1840.....Kohala (Hawaii), Sandwich Islands.
GEORGE P. CLAFLIN, Bangor First Church, Bangor Seminary, 1850.....Lawana, West Africa.
ROYAL W. COLE, Bangor, Hammond-st. Ch., Bangor Seminary, 1868. Erzeroom, Eastern Turkey.
DANIEL DOLE, Bloomfield Church, Bangor Seminary, 1859.....Koloa (Kaua), Sandwich Islands.
JOSEPH K. GREENE, Lewiston Church, Union Seminary, N. Y., 1858....Broosa, Western Turkey.
JOSEPH P. GREEN, Bangor Central Ch., Bangor Sem., 1863..Honolulu (Oahu), Sandwich Islands.
CYRUS HAMLIN., DD., LL.D., Portland Second Church, Bangor Seminary, 1837, President Robert College, Constantinople, Turkey.
JOHN D. PARIS, Bangor, Hammond-st. Ch., Bangor Sem., 1839..So. Kona (Hawaii), Sand. Islands.
JOHN E. PIERCE, Bangor Central Church, Bangor Seminary, 1868....Erzeroom, Eastern Turkey.
BENJAMIN G. SNOW, Brewer First Ch., Bangor Sem., 1849..Ebon (Marshall's Island), Micronesia.
WILLIAM A. SPAULDING, Newcastle Second Church, Bangor Sem., 1870.....Nicomedia, Turkey.
JAMES E. WALKER, Bangor First Church, Bangor Seminary, 1871.....China.
CROSBY H. WHEELER, Warren Church, Bangor Seminary, 1852.....Harppoot, Eastern Turkey.

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MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN MAINE,—

WITH THE

SERMON

BEFORE

THE MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

AND

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES,

AT ITS SIXTY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY,

HELD WITH THE

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH IN GORHAM,

JUNE 24, 25 AND 26, 1873.

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The FORTY-EIGHTH annual meeting of the GENERAL CONFERENCE of the CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES in Maine, will be held with the *Second Congregational Church in New Castle*, commencing on Tuesday, June 24, 1874, at 9 o'clock A. M.

SIXTY-SEVENTH anniversary of the MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY, on Wednesday, June 25. at 9 o'clock A. M.

FIFTY-SIXTH anniversary of the Maine Branch of the AMERICAN EDUCATION SOCIETY, and the FIFTY-THIRD annual meeting of the MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY, are held during the week.

☞ By a vote of the GENERAL CONFERENCE, honorary titles are omitted in the Minutes.

MINUTES OF 1873.

The FORTY-SEVENTH Annual Meeting of the GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN MAINE, was held with the Congregational Church in Gorham, commencing Tuesday, June 24, 1873, at 9 o'clock A. M.

The *Moderator*, Hon. ENOCH W. WOODBURY, of Bethel, in the chair.

United in singing Hymn 149, (Songs of the Sanctuary)—

"Thus far the Lord has led me on."

The Moderator read the fortieth chapter of Isaiah, and the fifth chapter 2d Corinthians,—and led in prayer.

Dea. Fred. E. Shaw, of Paris, and Rev. John W. H. Baker, of Brewer, were appointed to receive the credentials of members.

The Constitution and Rules were read by the Recording Secretary.

DELEGATES.

COUNTY CONFERENCES REPRESENTED.

AROOSTOOK.

Rev. William T. Sleeper, of Caribou. Daniel W. Hardy, of Presque Isle.

CUMBERLAND.

Rev. John C. Adams, of Falmouth. William E. Gould, of Deering.
Rev. Burke F. Leavitt, of Portland. J. L. H. Cobb, of Auburn.
Rev. Lewis Goodrich, of West Auburn.

FRANKLIN.

Rev. George N. Marden, of Farmington. Dea. Seth Bass, of Wilton.
Rev. Edward P. Eastman, of Wilton. Joseph B. Hopkins, of Farmington.

HANCOCK.

Rev. H. H. Hutchinson, of W. Brooksville. Prof. G. T. Fletcher, of Castine.
Rev. Henry M. Perkins, of Mt. Desert. Alfred L. Adams, of Castine.

KENNEBEC.

Rev. Josiah T. Hawes, of Litchfield. Dea. Mason J. Metcalf, of Monmouth.
Rev. James H. Ecob, of Augusta. David Garland, of Winslow.

LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC.

Rev. Wm. F. Obear, of New Castle. Henry Tolman, of Bath.
Rev. Wm. S. Spaulding, of Bristol. Henry Healy, of Thomaston.
Joel Husted, of Newcastle.

OXFORD.

Rev. John B. Wheelwright, of South Paris. Dea. Fred. E. Shaw, of Paris.
Rev. Amasa Loring, of Sumner. Hon. Enoch W. Woodbury, of Paris.

PENOBSCOT.

Rev. John W. H. Baker, of Brewer. Dea. William P. Anderson, of Bangor.
Rev. Amos Redlon, of Kenduskeag. Dea. Albert Titcomb, of Bangor.

PISCATAQUIS.

Rev. Charles L. Nichols, of Brownville.
Rev. Peter B. Thayer, of Garland.

SOMERSET.

Rev. Thomas G. Mitchell, of Madison.

UNION.

Rev. David B. Sewall, of Fryeburg. Dea. Samuel Stickney, of Brownfield.
Rev. Ezra B. Pike, of Stowe, Hon. George B. Barrows, of Fryeburg.

WALDO.

Rev. Edward F. Cutter, of Belfast. Dea. Bohan P. Field, of Belfast.
Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Searsport. James G. Pendleton, of Searsport.

WASHINGTON.

Rev. Charles Whittier, of Dennysville. Samuel G. Pike, of Calais.
Rev. Wm. Carruthers, of Calais.

YORK.

Rev. Benjamin T. Sanborn, of Elliot. Dr. Thomas Haley, of Biddeford.
Rev. Solomon Bixby, of Buxton. Dea. Joseph B. Junkins, of York.
Rev. Reuben D. Osgood, of Kennebunkport. Nathaniel C. C. Hobbs, of S. Berwick.

MEMBERS EX-OFFICIIS.

OFFICERS.—Hon. Enoch W. Woodbury, of Bethel; Rev. Solomon P. Fay, of Bangor; Rev. David Garland, of Bethel; Rev. Ezra H. Boyington, of Brunswick; Dea. Elnathan F. Duren, of Bangor; Dea. Joseph S. Wheelwright, of Bangor.

MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES.—Revs. Thomas Adams, of Winslow; J. W. H. Baker, of Brewer; Ebenezer Bean, of Gray; Stephen L. Bowler, of Westbrook: James Cameron, of Waterville; John J. Carruthers, of Portland; William Carruthers, of Calais; Edward F. Cutter, of Belfast; Leonard Z. Ferris, of Gorham; John O. Fiske, of Bath; John H. Gurney, of Foxcroft; Josiah T. Hawes, of Litchfield; Henry S. Loring, of Amherst; George N. Marden, of Farmington; Thomas G. Mitchell, of Madison; William F. Obear, of New Castle; Benjamin T. Sanborn, of Elliot; Daniel B. Sewall, of Fryeburg; William T. Sleeper, of Caribou; Sewall Tenney, of Ellsworth; Stephen Thurston, of Searsport; Horace Toothaker, of Deering; William Warren, of Gorham; John B. Wheelwright, of South Paris; Charles Whittier, of Dennysville: Luther Wiswall, of Windham; Deacs. William P. Anderson, of Bangor; George B. Barrows, of Fryeburg; Elnathan F. Duren, of Bangor; Frederic E. Shaw, of Paris.

MINISTER OF THE PLACE.—Rev. Leonard Z. Ferris, of Gorham.

PREACHER.—Rev. Ezra H. Byington, of Brunswick.

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES WHO FULFILLED THEIR APPOINTMENT.

Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath, to East Maine Conference of Meth. E. Church; and by Letter, Rev. George N. Marden, of Farmington, to Maine Conference of Meth. E. Church; Dea. Samuel Larrabee, of Portland, to the Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting West; Hon. Nelson Dingley, Jr., of Lewiston, to Maine Central F. W. B. Yearly Meeting; Rev. Sewall Tenney, of Ellsworth, to the Penobscot F. W. B. Yearly Meeting.

DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Rev. Seba F. Wetherbee, of Saco, Maine Conference of the Methodist E. Church.
Rev. Wm. J. Twort, of Buxton Center, Free Will Baptist West Yearly Meeting.

REPRESENTATIVES OF STATE ASSOCIATIONS AND CONFERENCES.

Rev. Harvey M. Stone, of Rochester, N. H.; Rev. Sumner Clark, of Wakefield, N. H.;—General Association of New Hampshire.

Rev. Alvan J. Bates, of Saundersville,—General Association of Congregational Churches in Massachusetts.

Rev. Henry T. Arnold, of Providence, R. I.,—Rhode Island Congregational Conference.

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Rev. Jotham Sewall, of Chicago.,—General Association of Illinois.

Rev. John A. Ross,—General Association of Iowa.

Rev. William V. Jordan, of Chapman's Creek,—General Association of Congregational Ministers and Churches in Kansas.

REPRESENTATIVES OF BENEVOLENT ORGANIZATIONS.

Rev. WILLIAM WARREN, of Gorham, Dis. Sec. Am. Bd. Com. for For. Missions.
Rev. CHARLES L. WOODWORTH, of Boston, American Missionary Association.
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Rev. STEPHEN THURSTON, of Searsport, Am. Home Missionary Society.
Rev. CHRISTOPHER CUSHING, of Boston, Am. Congregational Union.
Rev. JOHN W. CHICKERING, of Boston, Am. and Massachusetts Temperance Society.
Rev. FRANK B. PERKINS, of Boston, Am. Tract Society.
Rev. JOSEPH F. COGSWELL, of Strong, Am. Peace Society.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. Wm. T. Sleeper, of Aroostook Conference, and Hon. Geo. B. Barrows, of Oxford Conference, were appointed to receive the votes for officers for the ensuing three years.

Rev. SOLOMON PAYSON FAY, of Bangor, was chosen MODERATOR.
Dea. ELNATHAN F. DUREN, of Bangor, RECORDING SECRETARY.
Rev. EZRA H. BOYINGTON, of Brunswick, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
Dea. JOSEPH S. WHEELWRIGHT, of Bangor, TREASURER.
Dea. WILLIAM L. DENNETT, of Bangor, AUDITOR.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Revs. Benjamin F. Sanborn, of York Conference; William F. Obear, of Lincoln and Sagadahoc Conference; and Albert N. Jones, of Waldo

Conference, were elected to fill vacancies in the COMMITTEE OF NOMINATIONS.

In accordance with Article Third of the Constitution, the Moderator gave a cordial invitation to ministers, and all present, to take part in the devotional exercises and discussions of the Conference.

REPORTS OF DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath, reported his attendance and fraternal reception at the annual session of the East Maine Conference of the Methodist Church, in Damariscotta.

The following reported that being unable to attend, they sent a communication to the bodies named:

Rev. George N. Marden, of Farmington, the Maine Conference of the Methodist church, at Skowhegan.

Rev. Abiel H. Wright, of Portland, Maine Baptist Convention, in Damariscotta.

Dea. Samuel Larrabee, of Portland, the Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting, in Portland.

Hon. Nelson Dingley, Jr., of Lewiston, the Maine Central F. W. B. Y. M. in Augusta.

Rev. Sewall Tenney, of Ellsworth, the Penobscot F. W. B. Y. M., in Houlton.

GREETING AND REMINISCENCES.

Rev. William Warren, of Gorham, of the Committee of Arrangements, introduced the chairman of the Committee, the beloved Pastor of the church, with whom we meet, Rev. Leonard Z. Ferris,—as one not having resided long in the State, and not so well known, as he hoped he would be ere we separated.

Mr. Ferris, in a felicitous manner, greeted the Conference, and expressed the hope that the occasion would be every way pleasant, and a source of rich spiritual profit.

The Moderator, S. P. Fay, responded,—making some reference to the organization of this church, 123 years ago, and to the meeting of the General Conference with it, 45 years since. The Conference Sermon was preached by Rev. David Thurston, of Winthrop,—Text, Ps. 45:16. "Instead of thy fathers, shall be thy children." The preacher, with the Moderator, Rev. Benj. Tappan, of Augusta, and the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. Asa Cummings, of North Yarmouth, with

many others of the fathers, have been transferred to their heavenly rest. The Recording Secretary, Rev. Thomas Adams, then of Vassalboro', still survives,—whom we are happy to see with us, so vigorous in body and mind.

Rev. Josiah T. Hawes, of Litchfield, referred to his remembrances of the past, and thought the opening services by the Moderator, not inappropriate.

United in singing Hymn 855,—

"Lord, thou on earth didst love thine own,
Didst love them to the end."

Rev. J. Evarts Pond, of Hampden, and Dea. Wm. P. Anderson, of Bangor, led in prayer.

Sung Hymn 857—Tune, "Auld Lang Syne,"—

"Our Souls, by love together knit—"

A brief recess was had.

CONFERENCE SERMON.

Organ voluntary, by George A. Quinby, of Westbrook.

Selection by the choir—Joseph Ridlon, of Gorham, Chorister.

"Rejoice in the Lord." *Juvan*, arr. by Baumbach.

Reading the first chapter of Ephesians, and prayer by Rev. Jacob J. Abbot of Yarmouth.

Sung Hymn 709,—"Jesus, the very thought of thee—"

Sermon by Rev. Ezra H. Byington, of Brunswick.

Text.—Acts 21:37. "Canst thou speak Greek?" The benefits which christianity has received from civilization and culture, in its extension, defence and development.

Prayer by the Preacher.

Sung, Hymn 885,— "I love thy kingdom, Lord."

Report of the Committee of Arrangements, accepted.

Adjourned—after the Benediction by Moderator.

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2 o'clock P. M.

Laymen's Prayer Meeting, conducted by Dea. Joseph S. Wheelwright, of Bangor.

United in singing, Hymn 847—v. 1, 2—

"Blest be the tie that binds."

Reading of part of the twelfth chapter of Romans, and remarks by the leader.

Sung, Hymn 878—v. 1, 2—

"Must Jesus bear the cross alone."

The half-hour was fully occupied in prayer and remarks.

CHURCH WORK.

2.30. Discussion on church work, introduced by Rev. George N. Marden, of Farmington,—followed by Revs. James Cameron, of Waterville; Henry M. Perkins, of Mt. Desert; Benson M. Frink, of Saco; John W. H. Baker, of Brewer; and Albert Cole, of Cornish; and by Mrs. E. S. Cameron, of Waterville, and Mrs. E. P. Thwing, of Portland.

United in singing Hymn 931,—

"Go, labor on; spend and be spent."

Rev. Wellington R. Cross, of Cumberland Conference, led in prayer.

SPIRITUAL LIFE.

Rev. John J. Carruthers of Portland, introduced the second topic for discussion, by a written article on "The Means for kindling and revival of Spiritual Life." He was followed by remarks from Rev. Wm. Warren, of Gorham; Ex-Judge Ether Shepley, of Portland; and Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath.

While the latter was speaking he made reference to what he thought to be an objectionable sentence in the report of Rev. Silvanus Hayward, on the Oberlin Council, published in the Minutes of our General Conference, last year—(p. 56, from the 12th line.)

The subject not being considered germaine to the topic under discussion, the Speaker was called to order.

By vote of Conference, Rev. S. Hayward was allowed an opportunity to reply. He stated that he supposed the position of the Council on doctrine had been fully explained; that he designed to say nothing about the Theology of the Bible, only intimating that there was a difference in opinion, in regard to the interpretation of Calvin's teaching.

At a subsequent session, on motion of Rev. John O. Fiske, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved,—That the Conference has learned with surprise and regret, that a passage in a Report on the National Council, adopted by the Conference last year, has been misunderstood as reflecting unfavorably on the Theology of the Bible.

United in singing Hymn 644,—

"Awake, my soul! lift up thine eyes."

and in prayer, with Rev. John W. Chickering, of Boston.

CHRIST,—THE CENTER, HOPE AND DEFENCE OF CHRISTIANITY.

This topic was presented in a concise Essay by Rev. Professor Daniel S. Talcott, of Bangor Seminary; remarks added by Revs. David B. Sewall, of Fryeburg; Alfred E. Ives, of Castine; and James Cameron, of Waterville.

CHRISTIAN ALLIANCE.

A letter from Rev. S. S. Schmucker, D. D., in behalf of himself and his associates, was read, in reference to the feasibility and safety of a voluntary, advisory confederation, for the promotion of fraternal love among all evangelical Christians, and the more speedy triumph of the Gospel; and to elect delegates to the World's Evangelical Alliance, to meet in New York, on the 2d of October next.

Voted,—That the Letter be referred to a Committee of one from each Conference, to consider and report on the subject.

COMMITTEE.—Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, of Cumberland; Rev. Wm. T. Sleeper, of Aroostook; Rev. Geo. N. Marden, of Franklin; Rev. Sewall Tenney, of Hancock; Rev. Josiah T. Hawes, of Kennebec; Rev. John O. Fiske, of Lincoln and Sagadahoc; Dea. Fred. E. Shaw, of Oxford; Dea. Wm. P. Anderson, of Penobscot; Rev. John H. Gurney, of Piscataquis; Rev. Thomas G. Mitchell, of Somerset; Hon. Geo. B. Barrows, of Union; Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Waldo; Rev. Chas. Whittier, of Washington; Rev. Benj. T. Sanborn, of York.

This committee subsequently reported, as follows:

In response to the Fraternal appeal addressed to this body by Rev. Dr. Schmucker, and fifty-two others, presenting a provisional sketch of a plan for a General Protestant Union,—we respectfully record our hearty approbation of the general feature of the plan proposed.

We deem it feasible, safe and important; and recommend that this Conference send representatives to the World's Evangelical Alliance, to meet in New York, in October next.

Signed for the Committee,

S. TENNEY,
S. THURSTON,
G. N. MARDEN.

The report was accepted and adopted,—Revs. John J. Carruthers, of Portland; Sewall Tenney, of Ellsworth, and John O. Fiske, of Bath, were chosen representatives to the meeting of the Alliance, with power to fill vacancies.

TREASURER AND AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Dea. Joseph S. Wheelwright, of Bangor, Treasurer, presented his report, which, with the report of the Auditor, Dea. William S. Dennett, of Bangor, were accepted and placed on file.

RECEIPTS.

In the Treasury from old account		$ 23 84
Received at annual meeting at Skowhegan		35 10
" from York Conference, toward 1871		20 00
" from Lincoln and Sagadahoc Conference, balance 1871		14 65
" (1) from County Conferences, toward 1872	$255 89	
" (2) from Churches for Minutes	33 45	
" (3) from Churches toward proportion of expenses	46 46	
		$335 80
" from Rev. Geo. E. Adams, Orange, N. J.		1 00
" for Minutes sold out of Conference		3 85
Balance due Treasurer, to new account		8 46
		$452 7

EXPENDITURES.

Paid B. Thurston & Co., Portland, balance of bill 1871	$ 30 27
" B. Thurston & Co., paper, composition, printing, and binding Minutes, for 1872	292 02
" Publishing Com. for paper, blanks, circulars, postage, freight, &c.	71 41
" Recording Secretary	50 00
	$452 7

(1-3) Aroostook,	6 00;	Lincoln & S.,	45 00;	Union,	22 60
Cumberland,	89 80;	Oxford,	20 00;	Waldo,	16 20
Franklin,	17 00;	Penobscot,	44 00;	Washington,*	
Hancock,	22 00;	Piscataquis,	17 90;	York,	90
Kennebec,	25 90;	Somerset,	8 50;		$335 8

*Received $24 from Washington, after this account was closed.

Report from the Committee of Arrangements, read and accepted.

Adjourned.

MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

Incorporated January 23, 1821.

FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING.

Tuesday evening, 7 1-2 o'clock.

Rev. Sewall Tenney, of Ellsworth, Vice-President in the chair,—who opened the meeting with appropriate remarks, reading the 13th chapter of 1st Corinthians, and offered prayer.

The Report of the Treasurer, Rev. J. E. Adams, of Searsport, was presented.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in the Treasury, 1872	$236 01
Contribution at Annual Meeting in Skowhegan	68 48
From Churches and Individuals	87 38
Interest	157 64
	$549

EXPENDITURES.

Paid to thirteen families	$294 58
Balance in Treasury to new account	254 98
	$549

Amount of invested funds, $2762.

Rev. Edward F. Cutter, of Belfast, Secretary of the Society, Rev. Ezra H. Byington, of Brunswick, Rev. John W. Chickering, of Boston, and Rev. J. E. Adams, of Searsport, offered remarks, enforcing the claims of the Society, which has for its object the relief of the widows and orphans of deceased ministers.

A collection was taken, amounting to $146.97.

OFFICERS OF THE MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

Rev. WOOSTER PARKER.....*President*.....Belfast.
Rev. SEWALL TENNEY.....*Vice-president*.....Ellsworth.
Rev. EDWARD F. CUTTER.....*Secretary*.....Rockland.
Rev. JONATHAN E. ADAMS.....*Treasurer*.....Searsport.
Dea. ROBERT PORTER.....*Auditor*.....Searsport.

The President, Secretary, and Treasurer, *ex-officiis*, Rev. MESSRS. E. POND, S. TENNEY, R. WOODHULL, S. THURSTON, and J. J. ABBOT, *Trustees*.

8.15 P. M.—A fellowship meeting was held in the house, and on the grounds of the parsonage, which gave an opportunity for acquaintance, hand-shaking, and social intercourse. The interview was commenced with reading the Scriptures, by Rev. Martin L. Richardson, of Cumberland, and Prayer by Rev. John J. Carruthers, of Portland; and with words of welcome from Rev. Wm. Warren, on behalf of the Pastor and his wife, and the people, of Gorham.

Second Day.--Wednesday, June 26.

6 o'clock A. M.

Prayer Meeting, conducted by Rev. Jotham Sewall, of Illinois. Interesting reports were given of revivals during the year at Brunswick, Elliot, Searsport, Orono, and other places. The meeting was promptly occupied in prayer, singing and remarks.

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8 o'clock A. M.

Devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. Alvan J. Bates, of Massachusetts.

United in singing, Hymn 794,—

"So let our lips and lives express."

The 3d chap. 1st Thessalonians was read, with remarks suggested thereby.

Sung, Hymn 646,— "Am I a soldier of the cross?"

Prayer, by Rev. Lewis Goodrich, of West Auburn; and Rev. Jotham Sewall, of Illinois.

Sung, Hymn 366,— "In the cross of Christ, I glory."

Remarks by Rev. A. J. Bates; Rev. F. V. Norcross, of Union; Rev. T. Adams, of Winslow; Dea. Fred. E. Shaw, of Paris, and others.

Sung, Hymn 1275,— "Rise, my soul!"—1 v.

Prayer for the ministry; cheerful and hopeful work in the service of Christ; the value and efficiency of God's truth,—were among the more prominent subjects presented.

Sung, Hymn 775,— "Nearer, my God, to thee."—1 v.

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8 1-2 o'clock.—Conference resumed its session.

The Moderator read Psalm 122d, and led in Prayer.

United in singing, Hymn 122,—

"Come, thou Almighty King."—v. 1, 4.

Reports were received from Delegates to the bodies, which had not before reported, and referred to page 6. Also a discussion of several matters, which were finally disposed of at other times, and a record thereof made then.

Conference adjourned to 2 P. M.

MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Organized in 1807.

SIXTY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY.

Nine o'clock A. M.

The President, Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath, conducted the services.

United in singing Hymn 1023—"Let strangers walk around."

The President read the 35th chapter of Isaiah, and led in prayer.

Sermon by Rev. John H. Gurney, of Foxcroft.

TEXT.—Luke 9: 29. "And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistening."

THEME.—Communion with God.

Prayer by the Preacher.

The Sermon, Report of the Treasurer and Trustees, the Topics, Speakers, Remarks, and votes following, and Hymns sung, are reported in the proceedings of the Society, and included in this pamphlet; also the officers of the ensuing year.

Annual contribution, $92.22.

Afternoon, 2 o'clock.

Laymen's Prayer Meeting, conducted by William E. Gould, of Portland.

After singing two verses of Hymn 339,

"All hail the power of Jesus' name,"

he read the 2d chapter of Ephesians, and made a few remarks.

The time was fully occupied in brief exercises of prayer, singing and remarks. One or two verses of

"Rock of Ages," "Blest be the tie," "Come, we love the Lord," "How sweet the name of Jesus," "My faith looks up to thee,"

were sung.

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2 1-2 o'clock. The Moderator resumed the chair.

BOWDOIN COLLEGE.

The condition and claims of the College were efficiently presented by the President, Gen. Joshua L. Chamberlain, and by Rev. Professor Alpheus Packard.

United in prayer with Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, of Cumberland Conference.

Sung Hymn 1312, "O God, beneath thy guiding hand."

CLASSICAL SCHOOL.

Rev. Henry F. Harding, of Hallowell, read a report, presenting the favorable prospects of its position and buildings; its necessity as a feeder for the College at Brunswick, and the Seminary at Bangor; and the need of money and prayer, that the goal which now seems to be within our reach, may be attained. The report is published with the Minutes and in the Christian Mirror of July 8.

BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Rev. Thomas Adams, of Kennebec Conference, in behalf of the Committee who visited the Seminary, at its last anniversary, presented their report.

On motion of Rev. Josiah T. Hawes, of Litchfield,

VOTED, That the Report of the Classical School, and the Bangor Theological Seminary, be accepted and published in the Minutes, under the direction of the Publishing Committee.

United in singing Hymn 1024,

"Lord of the harvest! hear."

Prayer by Rev. Alvan Tobey, of South Berwick.

AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

The claims of this body were presented by Rev. Christopher Cushing, of Boston.

After remarks by the Moderator, the following resolution was adopted;

In view of the importance of the great work of furnishing our feeble churches with suitable houses of worship, and in view of the necessity of having the work conducted systematically, and on safe principles:

RESOLVED, That our churches be advised to act in connection with the American Congregational Union, in whatever they do to supply our feeble churches, with houses of worship; and that the churches which have recently received aid from the Conference, or from the churches of our State, or may hereafter receive aid, be requested to acknowledge the same as a special contribution from the American Congregational Union.

MEETING HOUSE IN FORT FAIRFIELD.

In response to an appeal made yesterday for aid in building a meeting house for the church in Fort Fairfield, it was announced that $673 had been pledged towards it, and that a pipe organ, in the chapel of the church in Gorham, had been purchased by Col. Frederick Robie, of Gorham, and presented by him to the church at Fort Fairfield.

AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY.

Rev. Francis B. Perkins, of Boston, presented the work which this Society seeks to accomplish, and its needs.

THE AMERICAN SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY

Was represented by Rev. Francis Southworth, of the Bethel church, Portland.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Rev. William Warren, of Gorham, District Sec. of the Am. B'd C. F. M., referred to this organization as the medium by which the churches were to make known the gospel to the world, and that it should be made effective by their agency.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

In the absence of any special representative of this Society, the Moderator presumed that its claims would not be forgotton.

United in singing Hymn 1160—v. 2,

"See the streams of living waters."

Rev. William V. Jordan, of Kansas, led in prayer.

SACRED MUSIC.

Dr. Eben Tourjee, of Boston, in an animated address, set forth the importance and feasibility of a general cultivation of music; the relation it sustained to the worship of God, and in the promotion of religion in the

individual, and in the community. Congregational singing united with the choir, was commended, as the truest idea of the service of song.

A report from the Committee of Arrangements was accepted.

After benediction, adjourned.

[During the session of Conference this afternoon, a meeting of the several Sabbath Schools was held at 3 o'clock, in the Methodist church, filling the edifice. Hon. Samuel P. Benson, of Brunswick, presided. Prayer was offered by Rev. David B. Sewall, of Fryeburg. The singing was by the children, from the "Royal Diadem." John A. Hinckley, Superintendent of the Congregational Sabbath School, Gorham, leader. Dr. Charles K. Hinckley, of Gorham, Organist. Brief addresses by Revs. A. Blanchard, of Cumberland Mills; E. F. Borchers, of Eastport; G. N. Marden, of Farmington; Dea. Wm. P. Anderson, of Bangor, and H. H. Burgess, of Portland.]

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7 1-2 P. M.

Organ voluntary.

Selection by the choir—"And many people shall go and say."—Baumbach.

Reading by the Moderator, part of the 10th chapter of Matthew.

Prayer by Rev. Luther Wiswall, of Cumberland Conference.

United in singing Hymn 1028,

"How beauteous are their feet."

MAINE BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Organized in Portland, Nov. 19, 1818.

Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath, Vice-president.

The Report of the Treasurer, Rev. Professor Jotham B. Sewall, of Brunswick, was forwarded by him, and read by Dea. E. F. Duren, of Bangor.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand	$139 70	
Contributions from sixteen churches	588 20	
" from six individuals	75 00	
Bank dividends	44 00	
Draft on Parent Society	450 00	
Collection, annual meeting in Skowhegan	33 41	
Appropriation returned	25 00	
		$1,355 31

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Beneficiaries in Bowdoin College	$450 00	
Paid Parent Society	905 31	
		$1,355 31

The Secretary, Rev. Professor William M. Barbour, of Bangor, sent his Report, which was read by Rev. E. P. Thwing, of Portland. (Published in the Christian Mirror, July 8, 1873.

William E. Gould, Cashier of the First National Bank, Portland, followed with remarks.

Collection taken, $44.80.

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Rev. ENOCH POND.....*President*.....Bangor.
Rev. JOHN O. FISKE.....*Vice-President*.....Bath.
Rev. WILLIAM M. BARBOUR.....*Secretary*.....Bangor.
Rev. JOTHAM B. SEWALL.....*Treasurer*.....Brunswick.
JOHN BOWKER.....*Auditor*.....Brunswick.

DIRECTORS.—President and Secretary, *ex officiis*; Prof. ALPHEUS S. PACKARD, and Rev. DAVID SHEPLEY.

The chairman of the Committee of Arrangements made a report. Accepted.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

PRAISE MEETING.

The remainder of the evening was occupied in singing, under the direction of Dr. Tourjee, of Boston, from a four paged "Praise-Meeting Circular," in which the crowded audience joined with great earnestness, the organ furnishing a fitting accompaniment. Remarks were made by Dr. Tourjee, on many practical points, touching the matter and manner of singing, choirs, organ playing, congregational singing, &c.

A collection was made, amounting to $50, to aid the Union Mission, Boston, with which Dr. Tourjee is connected.

Benediction, by Rev. J. T. Hawes, of Litchfield.

Third Day--Thursday, June 26.

6 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer meeting conducted by Dea. Fred E. Shaw, of Paris; Rev. F. V. Norcross, of Union; Garland, of Bethel; Ilsley, of South Freeport; Warren, of Gorham; Sewall, of Fryeburg; Dr. Chickering of Boston; Adams and Thurston, of Searsport; A. Redlon, of Kendukeag; Wheelwright, of South Paris; Harlow, of Cape Elizabeth; Adams, of Winslow; and J. Sewall, of Illinois, took part in the service. One or two verses of Hymns were intermingled during the hour. Ser-

eral personal requests for prayer were made. The Seminary located in Gorham, was remembered in prayer.

8 o'clock. Conference renewed its session. The Moderator read the 118th Psalm. Rev. Amos Redlon, of Penobscot Conference, led in prayer.

The Roll was called, and completed.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Rev. Wm. T. Sleeper, of Caribou, in behalf of the Committee, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted, as follows:

COMMITTEES.

Standing of Ministers.

Rev. ENOCH POND.....Bangor.	Rev. J. O. FISKE .....Bath.
Rev. STEPHEN THURSTON.....Searsport.	Rev. SEWALL TENNEY..... ..Ellsworth.
Rev. JOHN J. CARRUTHERS .....Portland.	

Sabbath Schools—Rev. HORACE TOOTHAKER, of Deering.

Publication of Minutes.

Dea. E. F. DUREN, of Bangor; Rev. EZRA H. BYINGTON, of Brunswick; and Prof. LEVI L. PAINE, of Bangor.

To visit the Theological Seminary, Bangor.

MEMBERS.	RESIDENCE.	CONFERENCE.
Rev. THOMAS E. BRASTOW.....	Sherman.....	*Aroostook.*
Rev. HORACE TOOTHAKER.....	Deering	*Cumberland.*
Rev. JOSEPH S. COGSWELL.....	Strong	*Franklin.*
Rev. HENRY M. PERKINS	S. W. Harbor.....	*Hancock.*
Rev. CHARLES G. MCCULLY	Hallowell	*Kennebec.*
Rev. WM. F. OBEAR.....	New Castle.....	*Lincoln and Sagadahoc.*
Rev. JOHN B. WHEELWRIGHT	South Paris.....	*Oxford.*
Bro. O. R. BARROWS.....	Kenduskeag	*Penobscot.*
Rev. CHAS. L. NICHOLS.....	Brownville	*Piscataquis.*
Rev. BENJ. TAPPAN.....	Norridgewock	*Somerset.*
Rev. NEHEMIAH LINCOLN	North Bridgton	*Union.*
Rev. JONATHAN E. ADAMS.....	Searsport	*Waldo.*
Rev. JONATHAN G. LEAVITT.....	St. Stephen	*Washington.*
Hon. JOSEPH TITCOMB	Kennebunk.....	*York.*

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Delegates to attend in person, or send a written communication.—RULE 13.

Maine Baptist Missionary Convention.

Third Tuesday in June (16), 1874, *in Winthrop.*

PRIMARY.	SUBSTITUTE.
Rev. A. H. WRIGHT..... Portland.	Rev. H. F. HARDING .....Hallowell.

Maine Conference of Methodist Episcopal Church.

May, 1874, *in Biddeford.*

Rev. L. BARTLETT.....Yarmouth. | Rev. J. D. EMERSON .....Biddeford.

East Maine Conference of Methodist Episcopal Church.

May, 1874, *in Belfast.*

Rev. Prof. L. L. PAINE .....Bangor. | Rev. JOHN A. ROSS.....Belfast.

Freewill Baptist Yearly Meeting.--Maine.

MAINE WESTERN.

Third Monday in June (15), 1874.

Rev. E. Y. HINCKS.....Portland. | Rev. B. F. LEAVITT.....Portland.

MAINE CENTRAL.

Second Tuesday in Sept. (19), 1873, *in Augusta.*

Rev. J. T. HAWES .....Litchfield. | Rev. J. H. ECOB.....Augusta.

PENOBSCOT.

Third Tuesday in August (19). 1873, *in Houlton.*

Dea. J. R. FARRINGTON.....Orono. | Rev. W. T. SLEEPER .....Caribou.

(By vote of Conference, [Minutes 1872, p. 9] the sending of delegates out of the State is discontinued. Any member of Conference, who may be present at either of the meetings, is authorized to represent this body. A list of State Conferences and Associations, with the time and place of meeting, may be found in the appendix.)

NEXT MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

On Tuesday preceding the fourth Wednesday of June (23,) 1874, at nine o'clock A. M., with the Second Congregational Church, New Castle.

Committee of Arrangements.

Rev. WM. F. OBEAR, Rev. JOHN HASKELL, Dea. RICHARD BAILEY, HENRY ROBINSON, Esq., of New Castle, and Rev. ANDREW J. MCLEOD, of Waldoboro'.

Advisory Committee to represent the Maine Branch of the Education Society, and the Maine Congregational Charitable Society.

Rev. WILLIAM M. BARBOUR, of Bangor; Rev. EDWARD F. CUTTER, of Belfast.

Preacher—Tuesday Forenoon.

Rev. EDWARD Y. HINCKS, Bangor, Prim. | Rev. JAMES H. ECOB, Augusta, Sub.

Committee on Nominations.

Rev. JAMES CAMERON, of Piscataquis Conference.
Rev. BENJAMIN T. SANBORN, of York Conference.
Rev. JOHN B. WHEELWRIGHT, of Oxford Conference.
Rev. BENJAMIN TAPPAN, of Somerset Conference.
Rev. WM. F. OBEAR, of Lincoln and Sagadahoc Conference.
Rev. ALBERT N. JONES, of Waldo Conference.

United in singing Hymn 850.—

"Oh, it is joy for those who meet
Whom one communion blends."

Prayer by Rev. Edward Robie, of Greenland, N. H.

TEMPERANCE.

On motion of Hon. Henry Tolman, of Bath, the following resolution was passed;

RESOLVED, That this Conference earnestly urge upon all the churches of our denomination, the duty of promoting the temperance cause, by all the means that can be used,—and especially by the closing up of all the shops in the State, of every description, where alcoholic drinks are sold,—as the rum shop is one of the greatest enemies

of all our religious organizations, of the welfare of our people, of the conversion of the impenitent, and of the vital power of the Church.

Rev. Dr. Chickering, of Washington, D. C., representing the old AMERICAN and MASSACHUSETTS TEMPERANCE SOCIETIES, said he would like three five-Minute allowances to do three things:

First—As a thirty years' attendant coming back after eight years, to testify *to* the body, as he had *of* it, that it is a model Conference, but with none fully modelled after it—the original mould having been broken or lost.

Second—As a quasi representative from the five Congregational churches in Virginia, Washington, Maryland and Pennsylvania, with their interesting freedmen's and other work, and their Maine ministers and members.

Third—As Secretary of the oldest Temperance Society in the world, to report observations and labors from Vermont to Virginia, in churches and seminaries and Sabbath Schools, where the Gospel branch of this work must be done, or even the excellent Maine Law proves a failure.

But his time was nearly up; and he would take the last minute to offer specimens of the publications of the National Temperance Society, with copies of a little word, on believing on Christ, entitled, "What is it to believe on Christ." And he felt it a duty to say to his younger brothers who may use the press, as well as the pulpit, that he has heard from that tract in its spiritual fruits more than from all his preaching. "God save the Commonwealth of Maine, and bless its General Conference."

PEACE.

Rev. Geo. N. Marden, in the absence of Rev. Joseph F. Cogswell, who was to have presented them, offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That this Conference heartily rejoice in the manner in which the claims of the United States against Great Britain were settled by the Geneva Court of Arbitration, and we sincerely desire that in all future time all international difficulties may be settled by arbitration and not by war.

Resolved, That this Conference rejoice that a Convention of eminent philanthropists, publicists, and scholars, of many of the nations of Europe and the United States, is to be held in our country to take measures for the establishment of a permanent High Court of Nations for the just and peaceful settlement of all international questions that cannot be adjusted by negotiation, and hope that the efforts of the Convention may be greatly instrumental in hastening the glorious period, when nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and learn war no more.

THE CHRISTIAN MIRROR.

Deas. Charles A. Lord, and Fred E. Shaw, presented the new plans for this long established, and well known paper, and expressed the hope that in its new career, it would be well sustained by the churches.

The following resolution was passed, unanimously, the Moderator added, *heartily*:

Resolved, That in view of the great amount of pernicious literature in circulation, it becomes us to recommend only sound reading matter to our religious public; and recognizing the power of the press, and the importance of having a home organ for the Orthodox Congregationalists of Maine, we recommend to their earnest support, our old denominational State paper, the CHRISTIAN MIRROR, and urge on our churches to co-operate in the new effort to extend its influence and circulation.

Rev. Thomas Adams, of Winslow, added a few remarks.

SALUTATIONS OF CORRESPONDING BODIES.

MAINE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—Rev. Seth F. Wetherbee, of Saco.

EAST MAINE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—A letter was read from Rev. Wm. C. Brown, of Belfast, by the Secretary.

FREE WILL BAPTIST YEARLY MEETING.—Rev. W. J. Twort, of Buxton Center, and Rev. J. Whitcher, of Biddeford.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.—Rev. Harvey M. Stone, of Rochester; there were also present, Rev. Edward F. Robie, of Greenland; Rev. Sumner Clark, of Wakefield, and Rev. Samuel Bowker, of Raymond.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN MASSACHUSETTS.—Rev. Alvan J. Bates, of Saundersville.

RHODE ISLAND CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE.—Rev. Henry T. Arnold, of Providence.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY.—Rev. John W. Chickering, of Washington, D. C.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS.—Rev. Jotham Sewall, of Chicago.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF IOWA.—Rev. John A. Ross, of Marion.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS AND CHURCHES IN KANSAS.—Rev. Wm. V. Jordan, of Chapman's Creek.

NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK CONGREGATIONAL UNION.—A letter was read by the Secretary, from James Woodrow, Esq., of St. John, N. B., to Rev. George Juchau, of Robbinston, hoping that a delegation would be present at the meeting in Yarmouth, N. S., Sep. 6. Conference voted, that Rev. George Juchau, of Robbinston, and Rev. James Cameron, of Waterville, be delegated to that body.

The Moderator introduced, appropriately, the representatives from other Associations, and the Delegates from other denominations, and responded to their salutations.

United in singing Hymn 851, v. 2.

"Joined in one spirit to our Head,
Where he appoints we go;"

and in prayer with Rev. C. H. Zimmerman, of the Methodist church, Gorham.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Rev. Horace Toothaker, of Deering, Secretary for Sabbath Schools, spoke in behalf of this institution, and of the value of labor here. He reported about 21,000 in the schools connected with our churches, and many others in Union Schools.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Rev. David Garland, of Bethel, Corresponding Secretary of Conference, presented the state of the churches, for the year past. (To be published with the Minutes.)

Remarks, suggested by the report, were made by Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine. He thought there was encouragement in the report, considering the drain made on our population and resources.

Rev. Charles Whittier, of Washington Conference, led in prayer.

By vote of Conference, the Report of the Corresponding Secretary, in future, is to be made on the afternoon of the first day; thus enabling Conference to know early in the session, the condition of the churches.

THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, IN VIEW OF THE WORLDLINESS AND SKEPTICISM OF THE PRESENT DAY.

A discussion on this subject, was opened by Rev. Ephraim C. Cummings, of Portland, followed by Rev. Newman Smyth, of Bangor, Rev. Alvan Tobey, of South Berwick, Rev. John A. Ross, Belfast, and Rev. E. H. Byington, of Brunswick.

WOMAN'S WORK.

An essay on this topic, by Mrs. E. S. Cameron, of Waterville, was read by her husband, Rev. James Cameron. (Published in the Christian Mirror, of July 8.)

A report from the Committee of Arrangements, was made by the Chairman, Rev. L. Z. Ferris, and accepted.

After benediction, adjourned.

[At 9 o'clock A. M., a meeting of the Auxiliaries of the Woman's Board of Missions, in this State, was held in the Congregational chapel.

Mrs. Charles A. Lord, President of the Portland Auxiliary, at the request of Mrs. L. Z. Ferris, of Gorham, presided. Miss E. M. Gould, of Portland, Secretary. The President read a portion of the 60th chap. of Isaiah, and Miss Sophia Spofford, of Rockland, led in prayer.

Societies in Augusta, Auburn, Bangor, Bath, Bethel, Brunswick, Castine, Cumberland, Ellsworth, Falmouth, South Freeport, Gorham, Holden, Portland, Rockland, Sacarrappa, Thomaston, Waldoboro, Waterville, Wells, and Whiting, were represented, from most of whom reports were received. After discussion, it was voted to unite the Auxiliaries in a State Branch Society. A committee was appointed to prepare a constitution, nominate officers, decide on time and place for meeting, and submit a plan for future work. Committee—Miss Elizabeth M. Gould, of Portland; Mrs. J. S. Wheelwright, of Bangor; Mrs. E. S. Cameron, of Waterville; Mrs. Caroline F. Smith, of Gorham; Miss Sophia Spofford, of Rockland.

Mrs. Justin Perkins, former missionary to Persia, then addressed the meeting, which was closed by singing,

"Shall we whose souls are lighted."]

COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.

Two o'clock P. M.

The usual invitation was extended to all who were the disciples of Christ, to unite in the observance of the ordinance.

United in singing Hymn 885,

"I love thy kingdom Lord."

Rev. Moseley H. Williams, of Plymouth church, Portland, read John 17th, (Christ's prayer for his disciples) offering remarks, and leading in prayer, before breaking the bread.

Remarks and prayer by Rev. Edward Robie, of Greenland, N. H., at the presentation of the cup. (Dr. R., is a native of Gorham, and once a deacon in the church.)

The elements were distributed by Deas. Samuel Larrabee, of Portland; Albert Titcomb and E. F. Duren, of Bangor; Fred E. Shaw, of Paris; Samuel Stickney, of Brownfield, and Marshall Irish, of Gorham.

Sung Hymn 1033,

"Rock of Ages."

The annual collection was taken. Amount, $44.10.

VOTE OF THANKS.

Rev. James Cameron, of Waterville, moved a vote of thanks to the Pastor and people of this church, also, to the Methodist church, and to the people of Gorham, for their cordial welcome, and unbounded hospitality; the Committee of Arrangements for their constant and vigilant care that every thing should be done to make our reception and temporary home agreeable; to the organist and leader and choir of the church; thanks, also, for the flowers, and to the lads who so readily and cheerfully acted as guides and ushers; and to the steamboat and railroad companies for the reduction of fare.

Mr. C. accompanied the resolution with appropriate remarks.

Dea. Fred E. Shaw, of Paris, seconded the motion, adding also, fitting words, and it was unanimously adopted, by a rising vote.

Rev. Leonard Z. Ferris, Pastor of the church, made response; as did also Rev. Wm. Warren, of Gorham, who referred to the many kindnesses which had been rendered to him, in his visits among the churches. The Pastor in additional remarks, expressed the thanks of the people of Gorham, for the coming of Conference; referred to the pleasant remembrances of the occasion; to the hope that we should be moved to

greater love and zeal for the Master, and prepared for the rest and fellowship, and reward of Heaven.

The Moderator appropriately added a few parting words.

Conference united in singing the Hymn of Christian fellowship,

"Blest be the tie,"

and then adjourned, after benediction by the Moderator.

E. F. DUREN,
Recording Secretary.

***The singing was by the congregation, led in the evening by the organ and choir. While the fellowship meeting was in progress, on Tuesday evening, some returned to the church and listened with much enjoyment to the fine organ playing of Dr. Hinckley, of Boston.

On Monday evening, June 23, a service was held in the church.

Introductory.—Organ voluntary, and anthem by the choir.

"The Lord is in his holy temple."—by *Baumbach.*

Rev. John B. Wheelwright, of South Paris, read the 4th chapter 1st John, and led in prayer.

United in singing Hymn 756,

"Awake my soul to joyful lays, * *
His loving kindness, O, how free."

Sermon by Rev. James H. Ecob, of Augusta.

TEXT—John 3: 16. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotton Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life."

We are to interpret God in all that he says and does, by His love.

Prayer and benediction by the Preacher.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Through the goodness of our merciful God, we are again permitted to assemble at our yearly meeting. As laborers in the vineyard of Christ, it is our special privilege to imitate the several branches of a family; to gather in a group at the close of the harvest season; to interchange mutual greetings and to commune together about the providential dealings of God upon their well directed toil. We are greatly encouraged to persevere in our blessed, self-denying mission work, wrought for Christ, by the precious, divine promise, "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy." The vineyard of Christ is truly of hard toil, and is very difficult of culture. Its extreme moral toughness yields very reluctantly to the benign force of hallowed influences. The many and obnoxious trees scattered over it, are so deeply and firmly rooted, and are of such mighty growth, it is seemingly well nigh impossible to get them removed, by even the infinite gospel of the Son of God. Had not Christ said to his servants at the early dawn of the Christian era, "Lo! I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world," his laborers long ere this time, might have well become disheartened at the sight of the adverse agencies that have been constantly at war against them. And perceiving the, apparently, very slow progress in works of mercy, and deeds of righteousness, they might have well said of their severe struggles in the conflict, amid their heaving sighs and falling tears shed over the dark prospect of Zion, amid their unceasing prayers, and watchings, and fastings, and self-denials, "What is all this worth?"

The many friends of Christ, have fully learned by the testimony of zealous and laborious actors who have passed away before them, and by our own experience in the hard strife, that they can be strengthened and encouraged and rendered successful in the great work of redeeming the world to God, only through a living and operative faith in Christ as the invincible conquerer of all hostile elements, and the life, the nerve and the glory of all gracious forces. The records of our churches for the year just closed, speak much of active labors, of self-denials, of tears shed over dark prospects, and of faith in Christ, as the great Shepherd, and of pulsations of joy experienced now and then at the sight of ingathered fruit. There is a general lamentation over the great loss by death, of an unusually large number of the aged and valuable members

of our churches. Many of them already quite weak, have been much reduced by the removal of these aged fathers and mothers in Israel. The laborers still in the vineyard, made sad by blasted hopes and defeated expectations, are alike offering the petition, "Help Lord, for the godly man ceaseth, for the faithful fail among the children of men."

The brief reports of the Scribes of the Local Conferences tell us of their strength, of their labors in the vineyard of Christ, and of the providential orderings of God in their behalf.

AROOSTOOK.—This conference has 13 churches. These have two settled pastors. The others have been supplied either the whole or part of the year with the ministrations of the gospel. The Scribe of this conference has remained a faithful sentinel upon the frontier of our great field. He says: "Three-fourths of our churches are without pastors. Some of them are dying. I fear our plan is not a wise one. We send a man a few months to a place, then we give it up for a year or two. Now I would look the ground over, place a man where he ought to be placed, and say to him, "Go to work; your support is secure; get what you can from the people; the balance we will pay." Then let him labor; and success is sure, if the man be a good minister. There has been no special religious interest in any of the churches; 17 have been added to them, and 22 removed; 721 in the Sabbath Schools. Contributions, $158.

CUMBERLAND.—This Conference has 41 churches; two more than last year. The Williston church in Portland, has been added, and the one in Deering. There are 16 Pastors, 14 Stated Supplies, and 11 are vacant. Rev. A. Blanchard has been settled over the church at Cumberland Mills in Westbrook, and Rev. B. F. Leavitt has been settled over the Williston church, Portland. Rev. F. F. Ford has been dismissed from the church in Lewiston. There has been no revival among the churches; 172 have been added to the churches; 217 have been removed; 4993 in the Sabbath Schools. Contributions $15,995.

FRANKLIN. This Conference has 10 churches. These have 1 Pastor, 5 Stated Supplies, and 4 are vacant. The church in Farmington has been in a measure blest by the gracious influence of the Spirit. Rev. Horace Toothaker has been dismissed from the church in New Sharon. It is a serious question, much discussed of late in this Conference, says the Scribe:—"What is to become of the feeble churches; 4 of the 10 are becoming weaker and weaker. Without the Preacher and Pastor, there seems to be nothing before them but to follow the first church organized—that of Chesterville—which has become extinct. 20

have been added to the churches, and 39 have been removed; 890 in the Sabbath Schools. Contributions $594.

HANCOCK.—This Conference has 13 churches.

These have 5 Pastors, 7 Stated Supplies; 1 is vacant. Rev. H. M. Perkins, has been settled over the Church in Tremont and Mt. Desert. Rev. Samuel Tenney, who has been the faithful Pastor of the church in Ellsworth 38 years, has resigned his pastorate. No action has been taken by the church, and he still continues in active service among them. There has been some religious interest in Castine, and in one or two other places. 16 have been added to the churches, and 33 have been removed; 1180 in the Sabbath Schools. Contributions, $1,328.

KENNEBEC.—This Conference has 14 churches; 1 less than last year. The church in Windsor, having come to be nearly or quite extinct, is by vote of Conference, no longer to be reported. There are 3 Pastors; 8 Stated Supplies, and 3 are vacant. The larger churches report a good degree of prosperity. Some revival interest has been enjoyed in Waterville, Augusta and Hallowell. The smaller churches are becoming weaker, and some are threatened with extinction. Rev. J. H. Ecob, has been settled over the church at Augusta. 61 have been added to the churches, and 59 have been removed; 1,315 in the Sabbath Schools; Contributions, $2,787.

LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC.—This Conference has 22 churches. These have 9 Pastors; 7 Stated Supplies, and 6 are vacant. Rev. Charles Packard, has been dismissed from the church in Waldoboro, and Rev. E. S. Beard, from the church in Warren. Rev. Wm. F. Obear has been settled over the 2d church in Newcastle, and Rev. A. J. McLeod, over the 1st church in Waldoboro. Considerable religious interest has been enjoyed in the two churches in Bath. Some 25 have been hopefully converted, in the Winter street society. There has been a little awakening in the churches at Thomaston, and 2d Newcastle. 46 have been added to the churches and 65 have been removed. 1,898 in the Sabbath Schools. Contributions, $3,052.

OXFORD.—This Conference has 15 churches. These have 2 Pastors; 10 Stated Supplies, and 3 are vacant. No revival has been enjoyed. 20 have been added to the church, and 29 have been removed. The church in Rumford, and also 2d in Bethel has been much weakened by the death of several efficient and valuable members. 930 in the Sabbath Schools. Contribution, $896.

PENOBSCOT,—This Conference has 16 churches. These have 5 Pastors; 7 Stated Supplies, and 4 vacant. The church in Carmel is nearly

extinct. In Orono, there has been a precious work of grace. The church has been increased by 34 members. The churches in Holden, Dedham and Kenduskeag, have exhibited much vitality, and have been active in the service of Christ. Rev. J. S. Cogswell has been dismissed from the church in Holden, and Rev. James Wells has been dismissed from the church in Dedham. Rev. J. Evarts Pond has been installed over the church in Hampden. 69 have been added to the churches, and 46 removed. 2,077 in the Sabbath Schools. Contributions, $4,312.

PISCATAQUIS.—This Conference has 10 churches. These have 3 Pastors, and 4 Stated Supplies, and 3 are vacant. The church in Garland, has publicly noticed and honored the 25th anniversary of the settlement of their Pastor, Rev. P. B. Thayer. About the time of this meeting, he thought it would be best to have his connection with it severed. But they thought otherwise. The dear relation of Pastor and Church, therefore, still exists between them. No especial religious interest has existed within the limits of the Conference. 32 have been added to the churches; 23 removed. 715 in the Sabbath Schools. Contributions, $1,028.

SOMERSET.—This Conference has 12 churches. These have 1 Pastor; 7 Stated Supplies, and 4 are vacant. Religious interest has been enjoyed in Norridgewock and Skowhegan. Some of the smaller churches are very feeble, scarcely having any life. 40 have been added to the churches, and 31 have been removed. 975 in the Sabbath Schools. Contributions, $605.

UNION.—This conference has 17 churches. These have 2 Pastors, and 11 Stated Supplies, and 4 are vacant. No revival has been reported within the limits of the Conference. Some little interest was felt in Albany, in the summer. Rev. A. Blanchard has been dismissed from the church in South Bridgton, and Rev. D. B. Sewall has been dismissed from the church at Fryeburg. When he resigned his office, he could not be persuaded to change his decision, even though strong pecuniary inducements were presented, to effect this end. The whole region feel the severe loss experienced by his departure from the post he has occupied for fourteen years. 39 have been added, and 40 have been removed; 1212 in the Sabbath Schools. Contributions, $1,013.

WALDO.—This Conference has 12 churches. These have 3 Pastors, and 5 Stated Supplies. The other churches have been supplied with the ministrations of the gospel, only a few months of the year. Rev. H. A. Shorey has resigned the pastorate of the church in Camden. There has been a precious revival in the 1st church in Searsport. The

spirit has been poured out upon the people. 42 have been added to the church, and others are expected to unite soon; 45 have been added to all the churches, and 27 have been removed; 873 in the Sabbath Schools. Contributions, $1,131.

WASHINGTON.—This Conference has 19 churches, one less than last year. The church in Jonesboro, has become extinct. There are 3 Pastors; 11 Stated Supplies, and 7 are vacant. Rev. T. T. Merry has been settled over the church in Machias. Rev. Edgar L. Foster, of St. Stephen, has died at the age of 37 years. There has been no revival of religion, yet all the churches report themselves as living in a prosperous condition. 35 have been added to the churches, and 27 removed. 1,725 in the Sabbath Schools. Contributions, $2,402.

YORK.—This Conference has 28 churches. These have 7 Pastors; 17 Stated Supplies, and 4 are vacant. Rev. Silvanus Hayward has been dismissed from the church in South Berwick. A precious revival has been witnessed by the church at Kittery Point; 76 have been added to all the churches, and 93 removed. 2,339 in the Sabbath Schools. Contributions, $3,168.

In the 14 Local Conferences, there are 242 churches. There are 61 Pastors; 119 Stated Supplies, and 62 are vacant. The function of ordaining men as Evangelists, seems to be the growing and popular way of doing things in the ministry. And it is coming to be a serious question of consideration, whether this disregard or neglect of the Pastoral relation, is not coming to be a great weakness to the stability and efficiency of the churches. 11 Pastors have been installed. A larger number have been ordained as Evangelists; 9 Pastors have been dismissed; only one minister has died, who was connected with the Conference, Rev. E. L. Foster. Among the number that have died, once connected with it, were Revs. Josiah G. Merrill, Lemund Wilcox, Josiah Brewer and Rufus M. Sawyer. 688 have been added to all our churches, and 751 removed, making a loss of 63. Total number of members, 19,356; in the Sabbath Schools, 21,843. Contributions, $38,479.

D. GARLAND.

NECROLOGY.

Rev. EDGAR LOWELL FOSTER, died suddenly in St. Stephen, N. B., Nov. 16, 1872, aged 34 years.

Mr. F. was the son of Col. Cyrus W. Foster, of E. Machias. He was a graduate of Amherst College (1864), and of Bangor Seminary (1867). At the time of his death he was pastor of the Congregational Church in St. Stephen, N. B., over which he was ordained Oct. 4, 1867. During this pastorate, he gave proof of being eminently qualified for the work of the Christian ministry. In addition to his natural gifts, and the culture acquired by study, he possessed large measures of spiritual life and energy. His whole life was the life of a man who kept every part of his nature open towards God; to whom companionship with God, was a habit of the soul. This was manifest not only in his sermons, but in all his work, in all his intercourse with his people. His speech, whether in the pulpit, or out of it, was that of one who had been taught and inspired by God to use truth for the cheering, comforting, stimulating, and saving of men.

From earliest childhood he was noted for his goodness, and from that time up to the hour of his death, nature and grace combined to show forth in his character and life some of the choicest fruits of love, purity, and fidelity.

The sickness which ended in his death, was long and painful, but he bore it with a brave patience, and through it all, his soul lived among the realities of a divine love positively and actively present to sustain, to give courage, to make conquest of death a glorious fact to his consciousness.

The fruits of his pastorate in St. Stephen are abundant, and the future will reveal still more, for the works of this godly young minister were of that kind which God uses long after the workman has ceased from his labors.

Mr. Foster's memorial is not only in the hearts of his people who gave many and substantial proofs of their love for him, but in the hearts of all in Washington Conference who knew him as a personal friend, and as a minister of Christ. He was to us a brother dearly beloved.

At the early age of thirty-four he was called to share with his Saviour the glory of which he had many a fore-beam whilst he lived and worked and suffered on the earth. The day of his death was the day of his glorification. His people, the ministers and churches of Washington Conference, will ever think of him as "a good man"—a man of God—one whose friendship had in it a divine element of purity and constancy, and whose highest ambition it was to become wise to win souls unto Christ. W. C.

FORMER PASTORS.

Rev. JOSIAH GOODHUE MERRILL, died of Lynn, Mass., Aug. 18, 1872, aged 85 years.

Mr. M. was born in Conway, N. H., Sept. 4, 1787. Educated at Fryeburg Academy. He was previously a farmer, with his brothers, Revs. Stephen and Henry Ambrose Merrill. Ordained at Otisfield, Nov. 2, 1814; dismissed, Nov. 23, 1830. Installed at Elliot, May 4, 1831; dis. May, 1832. Inst. at Cape Elizabeth, Feb. 6, 1833; dis. Sept., 1838. Inst. at Washington, Jan. 9, 1839; dis. Nov. 23, 1847. Stated supply at Windsor, 1840 to '45; at Bremen, 1844 to '46; Eastport, June 1, 1845 to Jan. 5, 1847; Washburne (Salmon Brook Church), 1846 to '49; Fort Fairfield, 1845 to '49; Presque Isle, 1848 to

'50; West Brooksville, 1850 to '54; North Augusta, 1853 to '55; Rumford, 1853 to '58; Cooper, 1859; Princeton, Dec. 11, 1859 to '60; Brownfield, 1860 to '63; then removed to Cambridgeport, Mass. Mr. Merrill was an industrious laborer in the vineyard, and accomplished much for the Master. He was of more than ordinary mental and bodily vigor, and commended himself to the people, as a Preacher and Pastor. He was a sincere, devout christian, and minister of the Gospel.

Rev. RUFUS MORRIS SAWYER, died in Le Mars, Iowa, Aug. 21, 1872, of typhoid fever ending in Consumption, aged 52 years.

He was born in Otisfield, Me., Sept. 1, 1820. Educated at Lewiston, and Gorham Academies. Graduated at Bangor Seminary, 1851. Ordained at Winthrop, Oct. 15, 1851; dismissed Jan. 21, 1859. After teaching at Great Falls, N. H., May, 1859 to May, 1861, he became pastor of the 1st church, York, Me., June 2, 1861 to April 29, 1866. His next ministry was at Middleboro, Mass., 1st church, May 1, 1866 to Nov. 10, 1868. Thence he removed to Iowa City, one year, Dec. 1869; Anemosa, Ia., one year, April 1, 1871; Le Mars, Ia., from May, 1872. Just previous to his death, two daughters, Julia and Clara, aged 17 and 19, died. His long watching with the sick, and grief at their loss, produced a nervous prostration, under which he sank. Mr. S. was much beloved as a zealous, faithful, and good minister of Jesus Christ. During his ministry at York and Middleboro, there were revivals, and large additions to the churches. He came to Le Mars, which he felt to be an important point in that part of the country, with a zeal and courage which had never been surpassed.

Rev. LUMAN WILCOX died in Brenton, Ill., Jan. 11, 1872, aged 76 1-2 years.

Mr. W. was born in Gilson, N. H., June 20, 1795. Graduated at Bangor Seminary, in 1822. Preached in Belfast one year, 1822-3. Ordained at Denmark, N. Y., March 24, 1824. Ministered to churches in Russia, Stockbridge, Hasterick, and Springfield, N. Y. Lecturer of N. Y. State Temp. Society, and on anti-slavery. (Notice of Mr. W. in Illinois Minutes, 1872, p. 46.)

Rev. JOSIAH BREWER died in Stockbridge, Mass., November 19, 1872, aged 76 years.

Mr. B. was a native of Berkshire Co., Mass. Graduated at Yale College, in 1821.—Seminary, 1825. Tutor in 1824-26. He had a mission at Oldtown, in 1822, and labored also among the Indians on the Island. He was afterwards a missionary in Greece.

Rev. FOREST JEFFERDS died in South Boston, Mass., June 20, 1873, aged 78 years.

He was born in Wells, Me., in 1794; graduated from Bangor Seminary, in 1825, and labored for a time in Maine, organizing the church at Harrison, in 1826, and supplied them for a season. Installed Pastor at Epping, N. H., Oct., 1826; at Middleton, Mass., May, 1832; Barrington, R. I., 1847; and was City Missionary in Boston, from 1852 to 1869. He ever endeared himself to the people, by his sympathy and counsel, and was eminently faithful and successful as a Pastor. Obit., Congregationalist, July 17, 1873.

Dea. BENJAMIN STEARNS died suddenly in the church at Lovell Center, Sept. 29, 1872, aged 78 years.

Mr. S. was born in Lovell, Sept. 3, 1794, and was a farmer 70 years. At the age of 16, the Cong'l church at Lovell appointed him reader of sermons. He was elected Deacon forty years ago, and conducted meetings frequently in Lovell, and adjoining towns, when there was no minister. He was licensed to preach, by the Union Association in 1830, and has supplied the Pulpit in Lovell, Lovell Center, North Waterford, Stowe and Chatham, and adjoining towns. Obit. in Ch. Mirror, Oct. 15, 1872.

ADDITIONAL NOTICE,

of Rev. BENJAMIN SAWYER, in Congregational Quarterly, July, 1872, p. 432. Mr. S. was Pastor in Cape Elizabeth, &c., and died in Salisbury, Mass., March 26, 1871, aged 88 years. (Minutes 1871, p. 31.)

The Post-Office address of Ministers will be found at the end of the Minutes. In donations, fractions of dollars are omitted.

EXPLANATIONS.—S. S., STATED SUPPLY. M. A., MINISTERIAL AGE, viz.—number of years in the ministry. P. A. PASTORAL AGE, viz.—number of years pastor of the church.

AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, Second Saturday and Sunday in June.—Organized in Houlton, Jan'y 22, 1846.—Semi-annual Meeting, third Saturday and Sunday in Sept.

CHURCHES.—1873, MAY 4.—		MINISTERS.			CHURCH MEM., May 4, 1873.					Admitted.—1872-3.—				Removed.				Baptized.			
Place and Name.	*Organized.*	*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Inst.or S.S.*	*MA*	*PA*	*Mle*	*Fml*	*Tot*	*Abs*	*Prf*	*Let*	*Tot*	*Dth*	*Dis*	*Ex*	*Tot*	*Adl*	*Inf*	*S.Sch*	*Cont.*
Burlington	1827, July 12	Ezra Andrews, s. s.	Licentiate.	1873.	...	..	16	15	25	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	$ 2
Caribou	1869, July 18	William T. Sleeper.	1854, Jun.29	1872, Jan. 1	19	1	7	12	19	1	6	0	6	1	0	0	1	5	0	80	0
Carroll & Springfield	1846, Mar. 14	William Peacock, s. s.	Licentiate.	1873.	...	..	7	11	18	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fort Fairfield	1844, Oct. 8	Wm. T. Sleeper.	1854, Jun29.	1872, Jan. 1	...	..	11	16	27	3	1	3	4	1	7	0	8	1	0	*75	0
Hodgdon & Linneus	1845, Sept. 25	Vacant.	No organiz	ation.	...	..	6	8	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Houlton	1833, Jan. 24	Vacant.	.....	.....	...	..	3	20	23	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	70	0
Island Falls	1859, Sept. 21	M. F. Bickford, s. s.	Licentiate.	1872.	...	..	9	9	18	4	1	3	4	1	2	0	3	1	0	27	24
Lee	1863, July 10	Vacant.	.....	.....	...	..	6	13	19	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	0
Lincoln	1831, Aug. 3	James H. Crosby, s. s	Licentiate.	1870, Aug. 1	...	..	3	20	23	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	35	15
Passadumkeag	1845, Mar. 1	B. F. Grant, s. s.	Licentiate.	1872.	...	..	2	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	17
Patten	1840, Mar. 1	M. F. Bickford, s. s.	Licentiate.	1872.	...	..	20	32	52	11	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	60	14
Presque Isle	1865, July 30	Daniel W. Hardy, s. s.	Licentiate.	1871.	...	..	6	10	16	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	10
Sherman	1861, May 29	Thomas E. Brastow.	1865, Oct. 11	1872, Sep. 25	8	1	33	52	85	8	0	2	2	3	1	0	4	0	0	*180	76
Thirteen.		2 *Pastors*, 6 *S. S.*	*Av. Min'l &*	*Past'l Age.*	13	1	123	223	346	36	9	8	17	12	10	0	22	7	0	721	$158

Average as stated supply, one year. *Two Union Schools in each place.

Rev. Andrew Wiren (Lutheran), New Sweden. Ordained.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Rev. Elbridge Knight, Fort Fairfield, ordained Sep. 18, 1843.

LICENTIATES.—John G. Evans, Medway; J. W. Whitcomb, Kingman.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING was held in Caribou, Sep. 14, 15, 4872. John W. Caldwell, of Sherman, *Moderator*. Sermons by Rev. Alvan J. Bates, of Saundersville, Mass., formerly of this Conference; text, Mark 7: 15; "Receive the kingom of God as a little child;" Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Searsport, Exodus 12: 26; "What mean ye by this service;" Rev. Wm. H. Gilbert, of Hartford, Conn.; "A kingdom which cannot be removed."

Discussion. The FAMILY—worship, instruction, reading and government.

On the second day a meeting of the Aroostook County Bible Society was held, at which Mr. Gammon gave account of his labors in Bible distribution in some towns in the County, and an address delivered by Rev. Wm. H. Gilbert, Agt. Am. Bible Society. Reports were given from the different churches of the state of religion, and the Lord's Supper was administered by Revs. A. J. Bates, and Wm. T. Sleeper.

The resolutions of this Conference at its annual meeting in Patten, June 1872, in reference to the death of David N. Rogers, who died in Dalton, Jan. 17, 1872, and the obituary written by vote of Conference, by Rev. W. T. Sleeper, are published in the North Star, Sep. 4, 1872.

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CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, Tuesday, before 2d Wednesday in June.—Organized in Gorham, Dec. 24, 1822.—Semi-annual Meeting, Tuesday, before 2d Wednesday in January.

CHURCHES.—1873, May 4.—MINISTERS.						CHURCH MEM., May 4, 1873.— Admitted.—1872-3.—Removed. Baptized.																
Place and Name.	*Organized.*	*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Inst. or S. S.*	*MA*	*PA*	*Mle*	*Fml*	*Tot*	*Abs*	*Prf*	*Let*	*Tot*	*Dth*	*Dis*	*Ex.*	*Tot*	*Adl*	*Inf*	*S. Sch*	*Cont.*
Auburn	1820, Feb. 8	Anson Phelps Tinker.	P. elect.	1873.	....	....	90	187	277	30	0	4	4	5	4	0	9	0	0	250	$250
Auburn, West	1844, May 1	Lewis Goodrich, s. s.	1850, Jan. 1	1872, Oct. 24	23	....	63	86	149	49	0	15	15	1	2	0	3	0	0	150	92
Baldwin	1821, May 16	Vacant.			....	....	2	5	7	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brunswick	1747, June	Ezra H. Byington, p.e.	1859, Feb. 29	1871.	14	....	56	185	241	67	8	2	10	10	2	2	14	6	0	235	1604
Cape Elizabeth	1734, Sep. 10	Edwin A. Harlow.	1863, Aug. 26	1871, Nov. 21	10	2	7	27	34	8	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	125	75
Cape Elizabeth, Welsh	1869, Mar. 14	John P. Evans, s. s.	1868, Sept. 25	1873, June 1	....	....	12	27	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	60
Cumberland	1793, Sept. 15	G. B. Richardson.	1857, June 30	1871, Aug. 29	16	2	33	83	116	21	2	2	4	1	1	0	2	0	0	112	100
Deering	1872, Sept. 4	Horace Toothaker, s.s.	1861, Sept. 5	1872, Oct. 1	12	....	11	27	38	0	6	6	12	0	0	0	0	1	1	180	25
Durham	1776, Mar. 9	H. J. Broadwell, s. s.	Licentiate.	1873.	....	....	10	20	30	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	11
Falmouth, 1st	1754.	John C. Adams, s. s.	1851, Aug. 19	1859, Feb. 13	22	....	26	91	117	19	0	3	3	6	1	0	7	0	4	100	63
Falmouth, 2d	1830, Sept. 15	Wm. H. Haskell, s. s.	1863, Mar. 17	1869, Jan. 1	10	....	31	70	101	37	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	1	0	60	80
Freeport	1789, Dec. 21	John J. Bulfinch.	1860, May 23	1870, Oct. 18	13	3	30	98	128	26	0	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	117	145
Freeport, South	1857, July 9	Horatio Ilsley, s. s.	1837, Oct. 26	1868, Apr. 18	36	....	28	74	102	36	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	60	276
Gorham	1750, Apr. 4	Leonard Z. Ferris.	1865, Nov. 30	1872, June 13	8	1	47	146	193	51	1	4	5	3	3	0	6	0	3	135	400
Gray	1803, Oct. 2	Ebenezer Bean.	1862, Mar. 25	1863, Jan. 1	11	10	22	57	79	19	3	3	6	3	4	0	7	0	1	75	50
Harpswell	1753.	Elijah Kellogg, s. s.	1844, June 18	1872, in part.	29	....	15	43	58	24	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	20	23
Lewiston, Pine st.	1854, Aug. 8	Vacant.			....	....	80	189	269	110	1	3	4	0	6	0	6	0	1	200	500
Mechanic Falls	1840, June 15	Thomas M. Davies, s.s.	Licentiate.	1873, June.	....	....	5	13	18	5	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0
Minot Center	1791, Sept. 8	Joseph Smith, s. s.	1842, Nov. 10	1871, Oct. 15	31	....	57	84	141	53	4	0	4	6	8	0	14	1	0	40	157
Minot, W. & Hebron	1802, Oct. 18	Vacant.			....	....	15	20	35	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	30	5
New Gloucester	1795, Jan. 16	Wellington R. Cross.	1865, Sept. 7	1865, Sept. 7	8	8	75	97	172	22	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	125	300
North Yarmouth, 3d ch.	1806, Sept. 30	Vacant.			....	....	46	68	114	23	0	0	0	2	4	0	6	0	0	115	51
Poland	1825, Nov. 2	Vacant.			....	....	1	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Portland. Second Parish	1787, Nov. 30	John J. Carruthers.	1819, June 8	1846, Aug. 9	54	27	85	272	357	35	3	12	15	7	6	0	13	2	7	225	322
Portland. High street	1831, Sept. 9	William H. Fenn.	1859, Feb. 20	1866, July 25	14	7	97	266	363	74	13	2	15	12	8	0	20	5	8	312	4,012
Portland. Abyssinian	1835, Aug. 7	Vacant.			....	....	5	9	14	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	13	0
Portland. Bethel	1840, Sept. 24	Francis Southworth.	1857, Oct. 23	1866, June 11	16	7	41	49	90	38	3	1	4	1	1	0	2	1	5	125	60
Portland. State street	1852, Mar. 17	Edward Y. Hincks.	1870, Oct. 18	1870, Oct. 18	3	3	91	250	341	65	7	1	8	5	21	0	26	4	7	286	5,780
Portland. St. Lawrence	1858, Feb. 19	Abiel H. Wright.	1866, Nov. 1	1871, Apr. 19	7	2	92	47	139	25	3	3	6	3	2	0	5	2	0	225	65
Portland. West	1862, Sept. 17	George J. Pierce, s. s.	1872, Aug. 28	1872, July 1	1	....	18	38	56	14	1	0	1	0	3	0	3	1	2	172	24
Portland. Plymouth	1869, Dec. 28	Mosely H. Williams.	1868, Mar. 26	1870, Nov. 29	5	3	76	191	267	25	3	11	14	2	6	1	9	3	2	280	883
Portland. Williston	1873, Feb. 5	Burke F. Leavitt.	1873, May 7	1871, Dec. 1	....	....	8	20	28	0	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	175	173
Pownal	1811, Mar. 20	George A. Perkins, s.s.	1854, May 26	1872, Dec. 8	19	....	22	49	71	21	0	0	0	4	2	0	6	0	0	50	4
Scarborough	1728, June 26	Samuel H. Merrill, s.s.	1831, Feb. 22	1871, July 1	42	....	24	37	61	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	60	16
Standish	1834, Feb. 5	S. H. Robinson, s. s.	Licentiate.	1873.	....	.	3	43	46	15	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	50	0
Westbrook, First	1765, Apr. 8	Vacant.			....	....	3	13	16	1	0	0	0	1	13	0	14	0	0	0	0
Westbrook, Second	1832, Jan. 17	Stephen L. Bowler, s.s.	1853, Jan. 5	1871, Sept. 1	20	....	36	77	113	6	5	4	9	2	1	0	3	3	0	170	136
Westbrook, Warren ch	1869, Sept. 30	Addison Blanchard.	1868, Sept. 9	1872, Dec. 10	5	1	27	42	69	2	4	4	8	1	0	0	1	4	6	167	25
Windham	1743, Dec. 14	Luther Wiswall.	1837, Aug. 12	1854, Sept. 20	36	19	6	42	48	8	3	1	4	4	0	0	4	3	0	75	45
Yarmouth, First	1730, Nov. 18	Leavitt Bartlett.	1865, July 27	1871, Sept. 14	8	2	46	133	179	11	0	2	2	5	7	0	12	0	0	219	600
Yarmouth, Central	1859, Apr. 27	Jacob J. Abbott.	1845, Aug. 27	1865, Oct. 19	28	8	18	48	66	15	1	2	3	1	3	0	4	0	0	70	183
Forty-one.		36 Pastors, 14 S. S.=50.		Av. Min'l and Past'l age	18	7	1459	4927	4787	980	84	88	172	97	117	8	217	37	40	4991	15,895
		Average as Stated supply, three years.																			

CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE—CONTINUED.

MINISTERS WITHOUT PASTORAL CHARGE.

NAMES.	ORDAINED.	RESIDENCE.	Ministerial age.
URIAH BALKAM	1841, June 15	Lewiston	32
SILAS BAKER	1831, Dec.	Standish	42
EPHRAIM C. CUMMINGS	1858, Mch. 17	Portland	16
ALPHEUS S. PACKARD, Professor in Bowdoin Col.	1850, May 16	Brunswick	23
JAMES M. PALMER	1854, May 22	Portland	19
GEORGE A. PERKINS, family school for boys	1854, May 26	Gorham	19
THOMAS H. RICH, Bates College	Licentiate.	Lewiston	00
JOHN S. SEWALL, Prof. in Bowdoin College	1859, Apr. 20	Brunswick	14
JOTHAM B. SEWALL, Prof. in Bowdoin College	1855, Feb. 28	Brunswick	18
BENJAMIN P. SNOW, Ed. Portland Enquirer	1870, May 10	Deering	3
RICHARD C. STANLEY, Professor in Bates College	Licentiate.	Lewiston	00
HENRY G. STORER	1850, Mar. 30	Oak Hill	23
JAMES B. THORNTON	1851, June 4	Scarboro	22
EDWARD P. THWING	1858, Sep. 23	Portland	15
WILLIAM WARREN, District Secretary A. B. C. F. M	1840, Feb. 13	Gorham	33

Average ministerial age of the above, twenty-one years.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING was held in Portland, with State Street church, Jan. 14, 15, 1873, Rev. J. J. Abbot, *Moderator*.—Sermons:—Rev. Abiel H. Wright, of Portland, Deut. 6: 6—7. Religious influence and instruction of the Household. Tuesday evening. Rev. Addison Blanchard, of Cumberland Mills, on the ascension of Christ, as related to our views of his character and office; Luke 24: 50. Conference Sermon, by Rev. Wm. Warren, of Gorham. "All things were created for Him." Rev. G. B. Richardson, of Cumberland, read a paper on the mutual relation of strong and feeble churches. Rev. John C. Adams, of Falmouth, on the relation of the church to the Sabbath School. Address on Missions, by Rev. Josiah Tyler, of the Zulu Mission. Topics discussed.—1. How shall the aggressive work of the church be advanced? 2. Systematic giving. 3. Cause of religion languishes, because the churches are unwilling to work. The church at Deering, organized Sep. 4, 1872, was admitted to Conference. Communion services, Revs. Ezra H. Byington, of Brunswick, and Josiah Tyler.

THE FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING in Deering, June 10, 11, 1873. Hon. Samuel P. Benson, of Brunswick, *Moderator*.—Opening sermon by Rev. Edwin P. Harlow, Cape Elizabeth, Titus 1: 3. Why a man is a preacher; nature of his message, and manner of its deliverance. Remarks on the same subject by Dr. Carruthers, L. Wiswall and others. Conference Sermon by Rev. Ebenezer Bean, of Gray.—Rom. 5: 8-10. Topics discussed.—1. How can inactive church members be aroused? 2. Systematic benevolence. 3. Model prayer meeting. An essay was read on this subject, written by a lady. By vote of Conference this was published. (Portland Enquirer, July 5.) 4. The temptations peculiar to the Christian of our times, and how to meet them. 5. The best method of conducting family worship. 6. Woman's work in the church. Williston church, Portland, organized Feb. 5, 1873, admitted to Conference. Committee appointed to consider the subject of dividing the Conference; Revs. S. L. Bowler, L. Goodrich, and E. Bean, to report at next meeting. Reports from the churches indicate general prosperity. Added by profession, 84. Lord's Supper administered by Dr. Carruthers, of Portland, and Rev. Lewis Goodrich, of West Auburn.

Rev. LEONARD ZENAS FERRIS, installed Pastor of the Congregational church, Gorham, June 13, 1872. (See Minutes 1872, page 30.)

GEORGE JACOB PIERCE, (Bangor Seminary 1872) ordained to the work of the ministry by council called by West Church, Portland, August 28, 1872. Rev. Moses H. Williams, of Portland, *Moderator*; Dea. E. F. Duren, of Bangor, *Scribe*. Reading Scriptures and prayer by Rev. Edward P. Thwing, of Portland. Singing. Sermon, Rev. Solomon P. Fay, of Bangor; Matt. 16: 48—19; "Thou art Peter," &c. Ordaining prayer, by the Moderator; Charge, Rev. J. E. Fullerton, of Westbrook; Right hand, Rev. E. P. Eastman, of North Conway, N. H. Singing. Benediction, Rev. G. J. Pierce.

Rev. ADDISON BLANCHARD, (Waterville, 1863, Bangor Seminary 1866) installed Pastor of Warren church, Cumberland Mills, Westbrook, Dec. 10, 1872. Rev. Wm. Warren, of Gorham, *Moderator* of Council; Rev. J. E. Fullerton, *Scribe*. Invocation, Rev. H. Whitcher, of F. W. B. church, Westbrook; Reading Scriptures, Rev. S. F. Strout, of Methodist ch; Westbrook; Sermon, Rev. Edward Y. Hincks, of Portland, Matt. 13; 20. Installing prayer Rev. Moses H. Williams, of Portland; Charge to Pastor, Rev. Leonard Z. Ferris, of Gorham. Right hand, Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, of 2d church, Westbrook; Address to people, by Rev. J. E. Fullerton, former acting Pastor; Prayer, Rev. Horace Toothaker, Deering; Benediction, Rev. A. Blanchard.

BURKE FAY LEAVITT, (Williams 1868, Andover 1871) ordained Pastor of Williston church, Portland, May 7, 1873. Rev. Moses H. Williams, of Plymouth church, Portland, *Moderator* of Council; Dea. Samuel Larrabee, of 2d church, Portland, *Scribe*; Invocation, Horace Leavitt, of Andover Seminary; Reading Scriptures, Rev. A. K. P. Small, of Baptist church, Portland; Sermon, Rev. George Leavitt, of Cambridgeport, Mass., Matt. 20; 28. Self-devotion to the work of the ministry; Ordaining Prayer, Rev. Jacob J. Abbott, of Yarmouth; Charge appointed to Dr. Carruthers, of Portland (not present); Right hand, Rev. Francis Southworth, of Bethel church, Portland; Address to people, by Moderator; Prayer, Rev. Asa Dalton, of the Episcopal church, Portland; Benediction, by Pastor. (Two brothers took part in the service, the first named, under appointment as missionary to Japan.)

Rev. HORACE TOOTHAKER, called from New Sharon, Sep., 1872, to the church in Deering, and will supply a year.

Rev. LEWIS GOODRICH, called from First church, Wells, Oct., 1872, and commences labor at West Auburn.

Rev. JOHN PENTYRCH EVANS, a native of Wales, and graduate of Swansea and Bala Colleges, in Wales, 1868, and Yale Seminary, New Haven, 1873, is engaged to minister to the Lagonia church, Cape Elizabeth, from June 1, 1873.

Rev. HUGH BROWN, of Shusan, New York, was stated supply at Walnut Hill, North Yarmouth, from Sep., 1872, to Jan. 1873.

Rev. JEREMIAH E. FULLERTON, resigned charge of Warren church, Cumberland Mills, Westbrook, Aug. 11, 1872.

Rev. SAMUEL HOPKINS, leaves Standish. The church passed resolutions, June 30, 1873, expressive of their esteem for him, who, since May, 1866, has ministered to them.

Rev. FRANCIS F. FORD resigned the pastorate of the Pine St. Church, Lewiston, Nov. 1872. The church passed resolutions regretting the act, and accepting it only in deference to his wishes in view of the call to the First Church in Charlestown, Mass.,—(pub. in Lewiston Journal, Nov. 11.)—Council met Nov. 25, of which Rev. U. Balkam, of Lewiston, was *Moderator*, and Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath, *Scribe*.—and dissolved the Pastoral relation. (Record of Council, Lewiston Journal, Nov. 26.) Installed Pastor First Church, Charlestown, Mass., Dec. 11, 1873. Sermon, Dr. Manning, of Old South Church, Boston; Installing Prayer, Rev. J. B. Miles, former Pastor. (Reported Boston Adv. Dec. 12.)

A NEW CHURCH WAS ORGANIZED IN DEERING, Sept. 4, 1873.—Rev. Moses H. Williams, of Portland, *Moderator of Council*; Rev. Samuel H. Merrill, of Scarboro, *Scribe*. Opening exercises, Rev. G. B. Richardson, of Cumberland; Sermon, Prof. Barbour, of Bangor Seminary. Cor. 1:1,2. Articles of Faith read by Rev. A. H. Wright, of Portland, to which the church responded. Right Hand of Fellowship by the Scribe; Address to the church, Prof. John S. Sewall. Prayer, Rev. Edward P. Eastman, of North Conway, N. H.; Benediction, Rev. Horace Toothaker, of Brunswick, acting pastor. (Reported Portland Press Sept. 5, and Christian Mirror Sept. 10.) Joseph H. Clarke and Charles Blake, elected Deacons, May, 1873. The Church Hymn and Tune Book, by Dr. Hatfield, is used in the service of song.

A CHURCH was formed Feb. 5, 1873, consisting of 24 members, in connection with WILLISTON CHAPEL. Rev. John J. Carruthers, of Portland, *Moderator* of Council; Rev. Horace Toothaker, of Deering, *Scribe*. Invocation, Rev. M. H. Williams, of Portland; reading of the Scriptures, Rev. A. A. Smith, of F. W. B. Ch., Portland; Prayer, Rev. A. K. P. Small, of Baptist Ch. Portland; Sermon, Rev. Edward Y. Hincks, of State St. Ch. Portland,—1st Cor. 1: 2—12, 27. The church of God, the body of Christ, and members in particular, Reading the articles of Faith and Covenant, and baptism of 4 received by profession,—Dr. Stephen Thurston, of Searsport. Recognition of the church by the Moderator; Right hand of Fellowship, Rev. Wm. H. Fenn, of High Street church, Portland—Charles A. Lord, acting as representative of the church. Address to the church, Rev. Geo. B. Leavitt, of Cambridgeport, Mass.; Address to the people, Rev. Asa Dalton, of Episcopal church, Portland; Concluding Prayer, Rev. D. H. Hanneway, of the Methodist church, Portland; Benediction, by the Scribe. Its present acting Pastor, is Rev. B. F. Leavitt. The chapel was built in 1869 by State Street church, and named in memory of the wife of Rev. G. A. Walker, then their Pastor. A Sabbath School was commenced in 1861. Charles A. Lord, elected Deacon of the church. Rev. B. F. Leavitt's first text, after organization of the church, was Eph. 1; 23. "Which is his body." (Reported Portland Press, Feb. 5, and Mirror. Address to the church, is published in Christian Mirror, Mch. 4.)

CHURCHES.—*Auburn*. Anson P. Tinker, whose ordination as Pastor of High Street church was appointed Oct. 10, 1872, and who was obliged on account of his health, to withdraw his acceptance, has been absent on a voyage to Spain, and since his return, has been resting, hoping in the autumn to enter upon his ministry. The pulpit has been supplied by Alfred H. Hall, of Andover, Rev. Aaron C. Adams, former Pastor, and others; John J.

Blair, late of Princeton, Me., supplies from June to September. *West Auburn.*—Rev. Alpha Morton, acting Pastor of this church, 1863 to 1871, was installed Pastor of the church in Oakland, Mass., Dec. 15, 1872. *Brunswick.*—In Feb., 1873, a committee was appointed to consider the feasibility of procuring a parsonage, a new organ and pulpit. Rev. A. B. Earle, the Evangelist, conducted a series of meetings in the spring, which resulted in an increased interest in vital religion. *Durham.*—H. J. Broadwell, from New Haven Seminary, supplies at S. W. Bend. *Falmouth.*—Rev. Charles Dame, Pastor of the First church, 1839 to 1854, preached to his old parishoners, Aug. 4, 1872, now residing in Quasqueton, Iowa. *Lewiston.*—While without a Pastor, the Pulpit has been supplied by Dr. Balkam, and Rev. F. F. Ford, former Pastors, Revs. J. Rogers, J. D. Emerson, A. H. Currier, S. P. Fay, A. H. Hall, H. A. Shorey, J. K. Aldrich, E. G. Selden, and others. Some religious interest prevailed in Feb., 1873. Efforts have been made to meet the masses of the people with the gospel.—*Minot.*—Rev. Wm. L. Jones, son of the late Rev. Elijah Jones, visited and preached in this his native place, July, 1872. Returned to his present home in Benecia, California, Sep., 1872. *New Gloucester.*—The Sabbath School observed its sixty-third anniversary, June 1, 1873. Some religious interest prevailing. *Portland.—Second church.*—Work on the church edifice is progressing. Services are held in the Lecture Room. *High street church.*—Annual meeting of the Parish held Apr. 14, 1873. Fortieth anniversary of the Sabbath School, Jan. 12, 1873. The Pastor, Rev. Wm. H. Fenn, conducted a religious service in City Hall, Feb., 1873. Singing led by the choir of the church. *Fourth church (Abyssinian).*—This church has received aid from other churches, in sustaining the gospel. The Young Men's Christian Association has furnished helpers. *Bethel church.*—This church and their Pastor are diligently pursuing their work among the seamen and their families. *State street church.*—Annual Parish meeting Apr. 7, 1873. Twenty-first anniversary of the Sabbath School, June 29, 1873. *St. Lawrence street church.*—The Pastor and people have experienced a great loss in the death of the Pastor's wife. *West church.*—The city appropriated $100 towards replacing a bell, injured in the service of the public. *Plymouth church.*—A Church Manual has been published, comprising 28 pages. *Pownal.*—Rev. Mr. Perham supplied, Dec., 1872. *Westbrook.*—Four churches united in holding a service on Fast Day, Apr. 17, 1873, at Cumberland Mills. Sermon by Rev. Addison Blanchard, on financial fidelity. Rev. J. E. Fullerton, formerly of Cumberland Mills, installed Pastor at Southbridge, Mass., July 22, 1873. *Bailey's and Orr's Island.*—Chas. N. Sinnot, Licentiate.

MEETING HOUSES. *Gorham.*—Frescoed, and thoroughly refitted, at an expense of $2,500; re-dedicated, Nov. 24, 1872. *Mechanic Falls.*—Re-opened Dec., 1872, having been closed since May. Preaching to be sustained by the Congregational and Baptist churches. *Portland Payson Memorial Church.*—Funds have been secured towards completing the building, by subscriptions, festivals, fairs, and lectures. The Memorial Tablet was published for the fair held in City Hall, Dec 20, 21, 1872, containing a history of the church and its enterprises. At the annual meeting, May, 1873, it was reported that $7,500 had been received during the year, for the building. Whole amount expended, $65,014; indebtedness, $10,940. Amount needed to complete it, $10,000. *St. Lawrence street church.*—Five thousand dollars expended in remodeling the house, and providing a vestry. The ladies furnished $700; vestry dedicated Nov. 8, 1872; sermon by Rev. Elijah Kellogg, a former Pastor, who preached the dedication sermon, when the house was built 14 years ago; Reading the Scriptures by Dr. Shailer, of the 1st Baptist church; brief statement by the Pastor, Rev. A. H. Wright; dedicatory prayer, Rev. M. H. Williams, of Plymouth church, Portland. The main audience room was dedicated Jan. 12, 1873; sermon by the Pastor, Ezra 7: 27. Sabbath School anniversary was held in the evening. *Westbrook.*—The Second church (Sacarrappa) have built and furnished a chapel costing $1,200, and raised and remodeled their church edifice, at an expesne of $10,000. *Warren church, Cumberland Mills.*—A clock, furnished by the citizens, has been placed in the steeple of their church edifice. *Windham.*—Rev. L. Wiswell, Pastor, preaches half a day, once in two weeks, at South Windham, where a new meeting house was dedicated a year since. It is a free house, with pews and pulpit.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—The Cumberland County Sabbath School Convention was held in Yarmouth, Nov. 13, 14, 1872. The third of a series of Conventions in Sacarrappa, March 7, 1873. The Androscoggin S. S. Convention, at Auburn, May 14. Union meeting in Pine street church, Lewiston, June 18. A school is established at Deering's Bridge, Portland, by the Young Men's Christian Association.

NECROLOGY.—John Groves died in Portland, Aug., 1872, aged 108 years; discourse at his funeral service, by Rev. E. P. Thwing.—Mrs. R. C. Stanley, wife of Prof. Stanley, of Lewiston, Sep. 22, 1872.—John Griffiths, while at work in Second church, Portland, fell from a staging, which caused his death, Oct., 1872.—Mrs. Martha F., wife of Dea. Marshall Irish, Gorham, Oct. 25.—Samuel Pickard, in Auburn, Nov. 2, aged 80. He was a Trustee of the Bangor Seminary, 1852 to 1870, and held other important trusts; a discourse was preached by Rev. U. Balkam, in Auburn, with reference to his death.—Dea. George Waterhouse, Deacon and Clerk of the church in Poland, died Nov. 7.—Mrs. Martha, wife of Daniel Cummings, Dec. 21, aged 60; long a member of the Second church, Portland; ob. Ch. M'r, Dec. 31.—Rev. Robert Southgate, son of the late Dea. Horatio Southgate, of Portland, died in Woodstock, Vt., Feb. 6, 1873; a graduate of Bowdoin College, 1828.—Joel S. Cobb, in Lewiston, Feb. 7; a discourse was preached at his funeral, Feb. 9, by Prof. Barbour, of Bangor Seminary, on the Christian doctrine of death.—James B. Thornton, at Oak Hill, Scarboro, Feb. 13, aged 73; the Maine Missionary Society received a bequest of $1,500 from him.—Mary A., youngest daughter of the late Professor Cleaveland, of Bowdoin College, March 8, aged 53.—In Cambridge, Mass., March 28, Mrs. Sophia Chamberlain, wife of Rev. Abiel H. Wright, Pastor of St. Lawrence street church, Portland.—In Minneapolis, Minn., May 24, Mrs. Esther M., widow of Rev. Israel Newell, formerly of Durham Me., aged 68.

The Sixty-fourth anniversary of the Maine Bible Society operating chiefly in Cumberland County, observed May 11, 1873. Address by Rev. Dr. Hill, of Portland; Isaiah 8: 20.

Reported—Press, May 12; Mirror, 13th. Rev. A. B. Pendleton, No. 11 Myrtle St., Portland, has been engaged to canvass the county.

The Cumberland County Temperance Association met in Falmouth, Nov. 13, 1872. Union Temperance meeting in Lewiston, Oct. 27, 1872—in City Hall, Portland, January, 1873.

The nineteenth anniversary of the Young Men's Christian Association, Portland held Dec. 22, 1872. Annual meeting of State Associations to be held in Auburn, 1873.

The Young Women's Christian Association held a meeting in Plymouth church, Feb. 23, 1873. Addresses by Revs. Hincks, Williams, Dalton, and others. A Young Woman's Home, provided by them, No. 16 Spring St., was dedicated July 11, 1873.

The Woman's Missionary Society, Portland, held its annual meeting, Nov. 24, 1872. Address by Rev. Josiah Tyler, of the Zulu Mission. Mrs. Tyler, met and addressed the Ladies, in State Street Chapel, Jan. 4, 1873. This Society supports the pupils in the Mardin training school, (Turkey.)—Report of Auburn Association in Mirror, Oct. 26, 1872.—An Association formed in Gorham, and 2d church, Westbrook, June, 1873.

A meeting in the interests of the American Missionary Association, held in Plymouth church, Portland, Sept. 9, 1872. Sec'ys Strieby, and Woodworth, Revs. Lewis Grout, of Vt., and Ford, of S. C., were present.

Rev. Leonard Z. Ferris preached the anniversary sermon at the graduation of the Senior Class of Gorham Academy, July, 1873—An appeal for the right and the truth. Mr. F. has delivered lectures to the class during the year, on Paley's Evidences of Christianity. Rev. Amos Brown, of Havana, New York, former principal, gives some reminiscences of the Academy, and a notice of Mrs. Irish, a teacher, in Christian Mirror, Nov. 12, 1872.

The Christian Mirror commences its fifty-second volume, Aug. 12, 1873.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Auburn, E. F. Packard; Auburn West, Rev. L. Goodrich; Baldwin, T. D. Richardson, a. c.; Brunswick, John Furbish; Cape Elizabeth, first ch., Rev. E. A. Harlow; Cape Elizabeth, Welsh Ligonia ch., Dea. John Perkins; Cumberland, Reuben Rideout; Deering, Wm. E. Gould; Durham, W. S. Michels; Falmouth, first, Rev. J. C. Adams; Falmouth, second, F. F. Hall; Freeport, Rev. J. J. Bulfinch; Freeport, South, Rev. H. Ilsley; Gorham, Rev. L. Z. Ferris; Gray, David B. Cummings; Harpswell, Wm. C. Eaton; Lewiston, Pine st. ch., Fred B. Sands; Mechanic Falls, J. M. Eveleth; Minot Centre, Dea. S. N. Shaw; Minot and West Hebron, Wm. Lowell; New Gloucester, Rev. W. R. Cross; North Yarmouth, N. W. F. Sweetsir; Poland, Mrs. Geo. Waterhouse, a. c.; Portland, second ch., D. O. Perry, M. D.; High st. ch., Daniel Evans; Third ch., Edward H. Tobey; Fourth ch., Henry A. Murray; Bethel ch., C. J. Morris; State st. ch., Rufus H. Hinckley; St. Lawrence st. ch., Dea. E. F. Waite; West Cong'l ch., Ebenezer M. Gay; Plymouth ch., Rufus D. Bean; Williston ch., L. R. Loring; Pownal, Azor Mitchell; Scarboro', Dea. George W. Libby, Oak Hill; Standish, Silas Baker; Westbrook, first ch., Dea. H. H. Dow; Westbrook, second ch., Dea. Harlan P. Murch; Westbrook, Warren ch., Cumberland Mills, Dea. James Graham; Windham, Rev. Luther Wiswall; Yarmouth, first ch., Rev. L. Bartlett; Yarmouth, Central ch., Rev. J. J. Abbott.

Rev. John J. Bulfinch, of Freeport, *Scribe of Conference;* Rev. Stephen L. Bowler, of Sacarrappa, *Register;* Dea. Samuel W. Larrabee, of Portland, *Treasurer,*

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION formed in Westbrook, May 28, 1788. Annual meeting, second Tuesday of February; other meetings, on the second Tuesday of May, August, and November. Rev. G. B. Richardson, of Cumberland, *Scribe.* Met July 23, 1872, in Gray; Nov. 12, 1872, in Brunswick; topics presented by Revs. Richardson, Hincks, Snow, Thwing. Feb. 11, 1873, in Portland. (M. H. Williams.) Essays, &c., Revs. Byington, Abbott, Fenn, Harlow; sermon, Rev. L. Z. Ferris, 2d Tim. 1:13. May 13, 1873, Portland. (Rev. E. Y. Hincks.) Papers by Revs. Adams, Williams, Hincks; sermon, by the Scribe, and Rev. S. H. Merrill. The ministers of Portland hold meetings each Monday, during most of the year. Evangelical Ministerial Association formed in Lewiston, March, 1873.

Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Inst. or S. S.	MA	PA	Mle	Fml	Tot	Abs	Prf	Let	Tot	Dth	Dis	Ex	Tot	Adl	Inf	S Sch	Cont.
Farmington	1814, Dec. 14	Geo. N. Marden.	1862, Oct. 2	1871, Oct. 24	11	2	69	153	222	20	6	9	15	5	5	0	10	4	0	330	$365
Farmington Falls	1859, Mar. 3	Vacant.					3	9	12	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*100	0
Industry	1808, July 4	Vacant.					22	18	40	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	0
New Sharon	1801, Feb. 11	Vacant.					35	67	102	18	0	0	0	1	12	0	13	0	0	100	30
New Vineyard	1828, Sept. 3	(1)Aaron W. Benson, ss.	Licentiate.	1872.			8	10	18	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0
Phillips	1822, Oct. 9	Vacant.					11	14	25	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Strong	1810, Mar. 3	(1)Jos. S. Cogswell, s.s.	1868, Nov. 18	1873, April.	5		39	50	89	41	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	70	50
Temple	1805, Sept. 19	Simeon Hackett, s. s.	1830, July 7	1851, June 1	43		17	41	58	25	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	60	25
Weld	1809, Aug. 17	Dan'l D. Tappan, s. s.	1826, Nov. 14	1871, Dec. 17	47		22	31	53	9	1	2	3	1	0	0	1	1	0	50	†44
Wilton	1818, Feb. 19	Edw. P. Eastman, s. s.	1871, Apr. 20	1872, Dec. 22	2		36	45	81	31	1	0	1	5	4	0	9	0	0	75	80
Ten.		1 Pastor, 5 S. S.=6.	Av. Min'l & Past'l Age,		22	2	262	438	700	181	8	12	20	18	21	0	39	5	1	890	$594

Average as Stated Supply, five years. (1)New Vineyard and East Strong.—John K. Wykoff, *Licentiate*, 1873. *Union School. †Of which $25 for S. S. Fund.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.—Rev. Stephen Titcomb, Farmington, ordained June 6, 1855. Rev. Jonas Burnham, Farmington, ordained July 28, 1858.

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING, held at Farmington, June 10, 11. Dea. D. Sewall, of Farmington, *Moderator*. Opening sermon, Rev. Joseph S. Coggswell, of Strong. Micah 4: 12. Signs of God's fulfilling his promises to his church. Conference sermon, Rev. Edward P. Eastman, of Wilton. Haggai 2: 7. The Desire of all nations shall come," &c. Tuesday P. M. Devotional exercises led by Rev. E. P. Eastman. Topic discussed,—How shall our churches develop their whole working power. 1. In the family. 2. In the church. 3. In the Sabbath School and branch Sabbath School. 4. In the prayer meeting. 5. In sacred song. 6. In benevolent action. 7 1-2 P. M. Sabbath School meeting. Discussed,—1. Cultivation of a benevolent spirit in Sabbath School. 2. Early profession of faith in Christ.

Wednesday morning—a prayer meeting, conducted by Rev. Joshua Eaton. Topics discussed. 1. The reason why so many in Christian communities remain unconverted. 2. What can be done by the ministry and church to make the gospel more effective. Report of the churches, by Rev. G. N. Marden. Bible cause presented by Mr. Masters, who is to canvass the County. Lord's Supper administered by Revs. J. Eaton and J. S. Coggswell.

Rev. HORACE TOOTHAKER, 8 years Pastor of the church at New Sharon, was dismissed, Sep. 3, 1872. Rev. Jonas Burnham, *Moderator of Council*; Rev. G. N. Marden, *Scribe*. The council commend Mr. T., and much regret that he is to leave the County. He goes to the church in Deering. Rev. R. B. Howard, former Pastor at Farmington, installed Pastor in Princeton, Ill., Oct. 11, 1872, the 12th anniversary of his ordination.

CHURCHES.—*Farmington.*—"No Pentacostal seasons, but the 'still small voice' of the Spirit has whispered peace to a few." The Bible service held Sabbath A. M., has an increased attendance of 10 per cent. over last year, and 27 per cent. over two years ago. The old parsonage where the sainted Father Rogers once dwelt, has been re-purchased, having been transformed into a very convenient habitation. The week of prayer was followed by a union weekly prayer meeting, of the several religious societies. *Farmington Falls, Industry, and Phillips*, have no preaching by Congregational ministers. The first two, report prosperous Sabbath Schools. *New Vineyard* had preaching four Sabbaths by an earnest worker who spent his Seminary vacation with four churches. *New Sharon.*—Since Mr. Toothaker left, they have had but four Sabbaths preaching. This church knows too well the value of a good minister to remain long without, and is hoping soon to find one. *Strong.*—At expiration of Rev. J. Burnham's engagement, this church secured the services of Rev. Jos. S. Coggswell, formerly of Holden. Entire union and harmony prevail. Dea. Winthrop Norton, 89 years; an earnest and faithful servant of Christ, liberal, and influential, has been called higher, Jan. 1, 1873, aged 67. Also Mrs. Eleanor Hunter, at the advanced age of 95. [Continued on p. 41.

HANCOCK CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, Second Tuesday and Wednesday in June.—Organized in Bucksport, May 10, 1825.—Semi-annual Meeting in September or October.

CHURCHES.—1873, May 4.—MINISTERS. CHURCH MEM., May 4, 1873. Admitted—1872-3—Removed. Baptized.

Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Inst. or S.S.	MA	PA	Mle	Fm	Tot	Ab	Prf	Let	Tot	Dth	Dis	Ex.	Tot	Adl	Inf.	S. Sch	Con.
Amherst and Aurora.	1830, Sept. 14	Henry S. Loring, s. s.	1850, June 20	1867, Nov. 24	23	....	7	14	21	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	100	$85
Bluehill	1772, Oct. 7	Arthur H. Tibbetts,s.s.	Licentiate.	1872, July 28	....	....	36	72	108	24	3	0	3	0	1	0	1	2	0	70	18
Brooksville, West	1826, Jan. 4	H. H. Hutchinson, s. s.	1869, Aug. 31	1871, Jan. 1	4	....	39	55	94	8	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	100	10
Bucksport	1803, May 12	Wm. Forsyth.	1870, Sept. 14	1870, Sept. 14	3	3	28	92	120	24	3	0	3	2	1	0	3	0	0	150	350
Castine	1820, July 27	Alfred E. Ives.	1838, Sept. 25	1855, June 20	35	18	18	70	88	12	1	3	4	5	1	0	6	0	0	123	471
Deer Isle, First	1773, Aug. 1	Hiram Houston, s. s.	1850, Sept. 25	1868, Apr. 5	23	....	52	119	171	22	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	100	85
Deer Isle, Second	1858, Dec. 1	Henry B. Hart.	1869, Dec. 21	1869, Dec. 21	4	4	18	23	41	0	1	1	2	2	1	0	3	1	3	45	17
Ellsworth	1812, Sept. 8	Sewall Tenney.	1831, Aug. 10	1835, Nov. 11	42	38	24	88	112	35	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	127	225
Isle au Haut	1857, May 7	E. J. Burgess, s. s.	Licentiate.	1873.	....	....	1	11	12	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	25	0
Mt. Desert&Tremont(1)	1792, Oct. 17	Henry M. Perkins.	1872, Aug. 14	1872, Aug. 14	1	1	20	51	71	8	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	75	12
Orland	1850, Sept. 25	Joel S. Ives, s. s.	Licentiate.	1873.	....	....	14	55	69	10	2	1	3	1	2	0	3	2	0	205	30
Sedgwick&Brooksville	1793, July 8	Henry W. Eldridge,s.s.	Licentiate.	1873, Apr. 25	....	....	12	18	30	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	60	25
Sedgwick Village	1847, Oct. 28	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	7	9	16	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Thirteen.		5 Pastors, 7 S. S.=12	Av. Min'l & Past'l age,		17	13	276	677	953	163	11	5	16	22	11	0	33	5	5	1,180	1328

(1) Union Evangelical. Average as Stated Supply, two years.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Rev. Alfred L. Skinner (P. M.), of Bucksport, ordained January 27, 1854. Rev. Alexander R. Plumer, Bass Harbor, Seal Cove and Tremont, ordained Dec. 13, 1854.

LICENTIATES.—John N. McLooney, S. S., West Trenton, 1873; Geo. W. Benjamin, Mt. Desert, 1873; Wm. M. Salter, three months, at Somesville.

The SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING was held Sept. 17 and 18, 1872, with the 2d ch. in Deer Isle. Opening sermon, Rev. Henry H. Hutchinson, 1 Cor. 7:22, "We preach Christ crucified." Conference sermon, Rev. Wm. Forsyth, Bucksport, Luke 17:10. Topics discussed,—I. The kingdom of Christ. 1. What is it? 2. Where is it? 3. Its powers. 4. By whom are believing sinners justified? 5. How they can be justified by faith. 6. The unity of Christ's kingdom. II. The Sabbath; it is imperative to resist the present tendency to break it down. Reports were presented of the churches, of the Sabbath Schools, and the Maine Missionary Society. Lord's Supper administered by Revs. J. Eaton, Isle au Haut, and H. S. Loring, of Amherst.

The FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING, held at Castine, June 10-11, 1873, Rev. Sewall Tenney, *Moderator*. Opening sermon, Rev. Henry M. Perkins of Mt. Desert, Acts 3:6, "Such as I have, give I thee." Conference sermon, Rev. Wm. Forsyth, of Bucksport, Mark 3:17, "Sons of thunder." Topics discussed,—I. The Christian work of Lay members of the Church. 1. Generally, the influence of the Gospel as a life. 2. Individual effort to bring men to Christ, to aid others in the christian work. 3. Young Men's Christian Associations—lay preaching. 4. Labor for the conversion of the young. II. Influence. 1. Parental. 2. Day School Teachers. 3. Sunday School Teachers. III. Woman's work. The claims of seamen were presented, and the benevolent operations of the day were commended. The Conference by invitation, visited the new edifice of the Normal School. In view of Rev. Dr. Tenney's retirement from his long pastorate (38 years) at Ellsworth, the following minute was adopted:

RESOLVED, That we express our high appreciation of Dr. Tenney's faithful labors, and our deep regret that his active connection with this Conference is so soon to terminate, and the hope that we shall continue to enjoy his presence and counsels in our meetings.

No extensive revival. Some religious interest in Castine and Mount Desert, and S. W. Harbor. Dr. Tenney and Rev. Henry S. Loring officiated at the ordinance of the Lord's Supper.

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...ual Meeting, 2d Tuesday and Wednesday in June.—Organized in Winthrop, Oct. 20, 1823.—Semi-annual Meeting, 4th Tuesday and Wednesday in Oct.

CHURCHES.—1873, MAY 4.—MINISTERS. CHURCH MEM., May 4, 1873. Admitted.—1872-3.—Removed. Baptized.

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Augusta	1794, Oct. 7	James H. Ecob.	1872, Oct. 2	1872, Oct. 2	1	1	71	224	295	61	12	6	18	12	16	0	28	7	1	158	$1324
Benton	1858, July 16	C. D. Crane, s. s.	Licentiate.	1873.	....	....	5	22	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	20
Clinton	1858, July 15	C. D. Crane, s. s.	Licentiate.	1873.	....	....	2	4	6	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Gardiner	1835, July 28	Austin L. Park.	1864, Feb. 2	1864, Feb. 2.	9	9	33	107	140	25	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	100	90
Hallowell	1790, Feb. 25	Chas. G. McCully.	1860, July 17	1867, Oct. 15	13	6	28	140	168	35	8	5	13	3	2	1	6	4	1	180	725
Litchfield	1811, June 6	Josiah T. Hawes, s. s.	1828, Jan. 23	1865, July 1	45	...	28	33	61	21	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	0	0	50	76
Monmouth	1853, May 17	Sup.by Prof.Stanley,T. D.Childs&C.W.Hill,s s.	.....	1872, 3.	....	....	15	28	43	11	8	0	8	1	0	0	1	0	0	65	84
Pittston	1812, Nov. 17	Lucius O. Lee, s. s.	Licentiate.	1873—3 mos.	....	....	6	22	28	5	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	50	5
Richmond	1827, Feb. 8	Wm. C. Curtis, s. s.	1863, Sept. 1	1868, Apr. 19	10	....	7	28	35	4	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	35	100
Sidney	1829, Feb. 25	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	8	13	21	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	71
Vassalboro	1818, July 28	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	4	28	32	9	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	70	20
Waterville	1828, Aug. 21	James Cameron, s. s.	1870, June 15	1872, Oct. 6	3	....	43	99	142	54	8	8	12	1	1	0	2	3	1	125	117
Winslow	1828, Aug. 27	John Dinsmore, s. s.	1852, Nov. 18	1862, June 10	21	....	19	67	86	22	0	3	3	3	0	0	3	0	1	*262	110
Winthrop	1776, Sept. 4	Henry F. Harding, s.s.	1855, Oct. 17	1873.	18	....	55	112	167	33	2	1	3	1	4	0	5	2	1	150	45
Fourteen.		3 Pastors, 8 S. S.=11.	Av. Min'l &	Past. age,	15	5	324	927	1251	291	42	19	61	27	31	1	59	21	5	1315	$2787

Average as Stated Supply, three years. *Report of Augusta Church covers 16 months—Jan., 1872, to May, 1873.

RESIDENT—Rev. Frederic E. Sturgess, Gardiner, ord. 1868, Oct. 1.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Rev. Thomas Adams, Winslow, ordained 1818, August 26. Rev. George W. Barber, Chap. National Military Asylum, Augusta, ordained 1872, Sept. 25. Rev. Henry F. Harding, Hallowell, ordained 1855, Oct. 17. Rev. Albion H. Johnson, Augusta, ordained 1865, Oct. 31.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, at Winslow, Oct. 15, 16, 1872. Rev. F.E. Sturgess, of Gardiner, *Moderator*. Topics discussed—1. The duty of the church towards those members, who never or rarely attend a conference, or social meeting of the church. 2. The church in the house, considered socially and religiously. 3. The Sabbath; how can we get the most good from it. 4. The responsibility of the church as the light of the world. 5. The inward power of the church, and how to be developed. Sermon from Prof. Paine, of Bangor Seminary, Eph. 1:22, 23. Conference Sermon, Rev. Wm. C. Curtiss, of Richmond, Mark 29:24. Sermon on Monday evening by Rev. James Cameron, of Waterville, Titus 2:13, on Christian Hope. Experience meeting and Question Box.

The FIFTIETH ANNUAL MEETING, with the church in Hallowell, June 10-11, 1873. Rev. Henry F. Harding, of Hallowell, *Moderator*. All the ministers of the county were present, with a goodly number of the members of the churches. A good degree of prosperity, in most of the churches. At Waterville, Hallowell and Augusta, there has been considerable religious interest, and additions to the membership. Topics discussed—How is Christian fellowship to be increased among the members of the individual churches? What can be done for the multitude who do not attend church? How can a more thorough knowledge of the Bible be promoted among the people? Woman's work. The last named subject was introduced by an Essay prepared and read by Mrs. E. S. Cameron, of Waterville. (Published in Ch. Mir., July 8, 1873.) The Conference Sermon, by Rev. James H. Ecob, of Augusta, John 1:18, Christ the last and highest manifestation of God to man. The Lord's Supper followed,—Revs. Josiah T. Hawes, of Litchfield, and Thomas Adams, of Winslow, officiating.

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LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, Tuesday and Wednesday before second Wednesday in June.—Organized in Alna, June 8, 1825.—Semi-annual Meeting—none regularly.

CHURCHES.—1873, May 4.		MINISTERS.		CHURCH MEM., May 4, 1873. — Admitted.—1872-3.—Removed.														Baptized.		
Place and Name.	*Organized.*	*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Inst. or S. S.*	*M A*	*P A*	*Mle*	*Fml*	*Tot*	*Abs*	*Prf*	*Let*	*Tot*	*Dth*	*Dis*	*Ex.*	*Tot*	*Adl*	*Inf*	*S.Sch*	*Cont.*
Alna	1796, Sept. 27	John Haskell, s. s.	1850, Dec. 25	1872, May 26	....	....	10	42	52	14	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	50	$ 26
Bath, Winter St.	1795, Dec. 8	John O. Fiske.	1843, Aug. 17	1843, Aug. 17	30	30	101	256	357	83	7	9	16	4	4	0	8	2	7	305	1,321
Bath, Central	1835, July 8	Wm. Hart.	1891.	1870, Nov. 2	12	3	47	132	179	56	4	1	5	3	2	0	5	0	0	150	665
Boothbay, First	1776, July 28	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	10	15	25	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Boothbay, Second	1848, Aug. 1	Ezra S. Pike, s. s.	1863, Sept. 16	1873, May 20	10	....	17	31	48	16	6	2	8	1	1	0	2	4	3	50	0
Bremen	1829, Mar. 3	George Hindley, s. s.	Licentiate.	1873.	....	....	3	8	11	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Bristol	1796, Aug. 17	Wm. S. Spaulding, s.s.	1848, Sept. 18	1870, May 1	25	....	17	34	51	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	35	22
Edgecomb	1783, June 4	Joseph Loring, s. s.	1833, Sept. 10	1865, Mar. 12	40	....	18	54	72	13	1	0	1	2	1	0	3	0	0	73	105
Lisbon	1839, Dec. 18	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	2	12	14	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newcastle, First	1799, June 4	John Haskell, s. s.	1850, Dec. 25	1872, May 26	23	....	11	20	31	13	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	35	35
Newcastle, Second	1844, May 22	Wm. F. Obear.	1868, Oct. 14	1872, Oct. 16	5	1	59	129	188	27	4	3	7	2	2	0	4	3	0	160	102
Phipsburg	1765, July 1	(1)D. Q. Cushman, s. s.	1838, Feb. 7	1873, 4 mos.	35	....	27	84	111	22	0	0	0	5	1	0	6	0	0	43	10
Rockland	1858, Mar. 8	James E. Hall, p. elect.	1867, Feb. 27	1873, Feb. 1	6	....	5	79	84	14	1	0	1	0	5	0	5	0	0	120	52
Thomaston	1809, June 15	Javan K. Mason.	1849, Jan. 18	1864, Dec. 6	24	9	22	95	117	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	250	100
Topsham	1789, June 20	(2)John S. Sewall, s. s.	1859, Apr. 20	1871, Sept.	14	....	26	65	91	25	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	60
Union	1803, Mar. 3	Flavius V. Norcross.	1860, Oct. 31	1860, Oct. 31	13	13	21	62	83	5	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	0	150	56
Waldoboro', First	1807, May 13	Andrew J. McLeod.	1870, Sept. 28	1872, Nov. 8	3	1	45	117	162	40	0	0	0	5	3	0	8	0	0	140	122
Waldoboro', Second	1856, Mar. 4	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	5	6	11	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Warren, Second	1828, Feb. 27	(3)Edwin S. Beard.	1864, Apr. 2	1864, Aug. 16	10	9	40	100	140	30	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	80	30
Washington	1817, Aug. 16	(4)S. R. Butler, s. s.	Licentiate.	1873.	....	....	5	15	20	3	1	1	2	2	0	0	2	1	0	25	220
Wiscasset	1773, Aug. 4	Wm. H. Bolster.	1872, June 11	1872, June 11	1	1	18	71	89	17	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	65	68
Woolwich	1765, June 12	Henry O. Thayer, s. s.	1866, July 26	1867, Sept. 15	7	....	26	67	93	10	0	0	0	3	0	2	5	0	0	107	58
Twenty-two.		9 Pastors, 7 S. S.=16.	Av. Min'l &	Past. age,	16	16	535	1484	2029	427	30	16	46	40	23	2	65	15	10	1898	$3,052

Average as Stated Supply, three years. (1) Frank L. Bristol, Licentiate, 1873. (2) Rev. Samuel Hopkins to supply from July, 1873.
(3) Pastorate terminated Apr. 5, 1873. (4) John C. Beal, Licentiate, four months, 1873.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Rev. Edwin S. Beard, Warren, ordained 1863, Apr. 2. Rev. David Q. Cushman, Bath, ordained 1838, Feb. 7. Rev. Daniel F. Potter, Topsham, ordained 1852, Oct. 25.

FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING held in Union, June 10, 11, 1873. Rev. John Haskell, of New Castle, *Moderator*. Opening sermon by Moderator. Mark 12: 46-50. Conference sermon by Rev. Joseph Loring of Edgecomb, Luke 23: 19. Also, sermon by Rev. J. O. Fiske, of Bath, John 10: 27. Topics discussed:—How may the churches secure the special influences of the Holy Spirit? How can attendance on divine worship be increased? Best method of raising funds for support of Religious Institutions. How can our churches become more efficient? Sabbath School cause. The ministry. Report of the churches, by the Scribe, Rev. W. A. Thayer. Soul refreshing through revival interest reported, in the two churches in Bath, in connection with the labors of Rev. Wm. Earle; at Thomaston, Rockland, and Second church, New Castle. Some others report a quiet, but favorable religious condition, indicating a good holding of the ground, if not positive advance. Administration of the Lord's Supper, by Revs. Wm. H. Beard, of Warren, and A. J. McLeod, of Waldoboro.

No Semi-annual meeting was held.

Rev. WILLIAM HENRY BOLSTER ordained Pastor of the church in Wiscasset, June 11, 1872. (Record in Minutes, 1872, p. 36.)

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FRANKLIN CONFERENCE.—Continued from page 37.

Temple.—"Chastened and not killed." An unusual number of deaths among the aged. Congregations good; Sunday School never in a better state; has been benefitted by the introduction of Uniform Lesson Papers. *Wilton.*—Rev. William H. Beard, supplied a few months. Rev. Edward Payson Eastman commenced his labors, Dec., 1872. A parsonage has been bought, and more than half paid for. The Ladies' Circle furnished $150. Rev. John Lawrence, a former acting Pastor, is residing in St. Johnsbury, Vt.

Annual meeting of the Franklin County Bible Society, held Jan. 7, 1873, R. Goodenow, of Farmington, *President.*

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Farmington, R. Goodenow; Farmington Falls, C. E. Davis; Industry, George W. Luce; New Sharon, F. M. Howes; New Vineyard, John McLain; Phillips, Joseph N. Worthley; Strong, S. B. Luce, a. c.; Temple, Abel Sampson; Weld, Timothy H. Frye; Wilton, E. P. Packard.

E. P. Packard, of Wilton, *Scribe of Conference*; Rev. George N. Marden, of Farmington, *Reporter*; Dea. John Titcomb, of Farmington, *Treasurer*. Next meeting at Industry Center.

FRANKLIN COUNTY (UNION) ASSOCIATION, organized March 1, 1864, meets on the first Tuesday in January, and each alternate month succeeding. It embraces ministers of all the evangelical denominations in the county. Rev. G. N. Marden, of Farmington, *Scribe.*

HANCOCK CONFERENCE..—Continued from page 38.

HENRY MARTYN PERKINS, (Middlebury, 1867, Hartford, 1872) ordained Pastor of the church in Mt. Desert and Tremont, Aug. 14, 1872. Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Searsport, *Moderator* of Council; Rev. A. R. Plumer, of Mt. Desert, *Scribe.* Introductory services, Rev. A. R. Plumer, of Tremont; Prayer, Rev. Henry S. Loring, of Amherst; Sermon, Rev. R. G. Vermilye, D. D., of Hartford, Conn., Mathew 11:5, The adaptation of the Gospel to man; Ordaining Prayer, Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Searsport; Charge, Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine; Right hand, Rev. Henry H. Hutchinson, of West Brooksville; Address to people, Rev. Hiram Houston, of Deer Isle; Prayer, Rev. Sewall Tenney. (Mr. P. is a son of the late Rev. Justin Perkins, Missionary in Persia.)

Rev. Robert B. Snowden, who was at Mt. Desert, in 1858-9, accepts a call to Darien, Conn.

Rev. Samuel Bowker, formerly of Bluehill, dismissed from Raymond, N. H., Apr. 22, 1873,—and accepts a call to Salem, N. H.

Rev. Henry S. Loring and wife, of Amherst, observed their silver wedding, April, 1873.

Amherst.—Mrs. Lovicey I., widow of the late Dea. Samuel Silsby, died July 26, 1872, aged 75. *Bluehill.*—Dea. Benjamin Stevens, died May 22, 1873, aged 77 years. Ob. Cong. June 12. The week of prayer, in January, was interesting and profitable. Rev. Edward R. Osgood, of Machias, is residing here for a time, resting and recruiting. *Castine.*—The Meeting House recently refitted, was burned, Nov. 30, 1872. The fire originated from the escape of hot air through the cold air box of the furnace. The interior nearly ruined by fire and water. Loss, $2000. It has been repaired and improved.—Dea. S. Adams has given a bell of 500 pounds, to the State Normal School. *Deer Isle.*—The First Church observes its centennial anniversary, Aug. 1, 1873. Address by Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Searsport, whose father was Pastor from 1832 to 1852. Revs. Stephen Thurston, William A. Merrill, and others take part in the services. The North or Second Church, responded to the proposal for special prayer for our Rulers, on the 20th Oct., 1872. (Ch. Mir., Sept. 24, '72.) *Orland.*—Supplied by Rev. Dr. Pond, of Bangor. Sept., 1872.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Amherst and Aurora, Dea. Sylvanus Butler, Aurora; Bluehill, Henry H. Osgood; West Brooksville, Rev. H. H. Hutchinson; Bucksport, Edward Swasey; Castine, Rev. A. E. Ives; Deer Isle, 1st ch., Dea. George Barbour; Deer Isle, 2d ch., Wm. E. Powers, North Deer Isle; Ellsworth, Rev. S. Tenney; Isle au Haut, Elcy S. Turner; Orland, A. P. Emerson; Sedgwick and Brooksville, Dea. S. Allen, North Brooksville; Sedgwick Village, D. J. Cunningham, Brookline; Tremont and Mt. Desert, Dea. David King, S. W. Harbor.

Rev. Henry S. Loring, of Amherst, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.* Next meeting in East Brooksville, Oct., 1873.

HANCOCK ASSOCIATION, organized in Sedgwick, Sept. 21, 1797,—meetings, first week in June, and second week in August, November, and February. Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine, *Scribe.*

KENNEBEC CONFERENCE.—Continued from page 39.

JAMES HENRY ECOB, (Hamilton 1869, Andover 1872) ordained Pastor of the South Church, Augusta, October 2, 1872. Rev. Alexander McKenzie, of Cambridge, Mass., (former Pastor) *Moderator* of Council; Rev. Wm. C. Curtis, of Richmond, *Scribe*. Public services in the evening,—Organ Voluntary; Reading of the Minutes of Council; Anthem by choir,—"The God of Abraham praise;" Prayer, Rev. Geo. W Barber, chaplain of the National Asylum, Augusta; "Gloria," by the choir; Scripture reading, Rev. A. H. Johnson, of Winthrop; Prayer, by the Scribe; Hymn, "We bid thee welcome;" Sermon, Rev. Prof. Barbour, of Bangor Seminary, Matt. 5:17-19, "Whosoever shall do and teach them," &c.; The divine order was: 1st. the doing—the living; 2d. the teaching—the ministering; Anthem; Ordaining prayer, Rev. Chas. G. McCully, of Hallowell; Charge to the Pastor, by Moderator; Anthem, by choir; Right hand, Rev. A. H. Bradford, of Mont Clair, N. J.; Address to people, Rev. Geo. W. Field, of Bangor; Anthem, by choir; Prayer, Rev. Thomas Adams, of Winslow; Doxology; Benediction by the Pastor.

GEORGE WARREN BARBER, (Amherst 1867, Andover 1869) ordained to the work of the ministry, in Old South Church, Hallowell, Feb. 25, 1873. Rev. Chas. G. McCully, of Hallowell, *Moderator* of Council; Rev. John Dinsmore, of Winslow, *Scribe*. Public Services—Introductory, Rev. James Cameron, of Waterville; Reading Scriptures, and Prayer, Rev. Wm. C. Curtis, of Richmond; Sermon, Rev. Geo. W. Field, of Bangor, Isa. 12:13, "I will make a man more precious than fine gold;" Ordaining Prayer, Rev. Thomas Adams, of Winslow; Charge to candidate, Rev. Henry F. Harding, of Hallowell; Right hand, Rev. James H. Ecob, of Augusta; Prayer, Rev. Benj. A. Robie, formerly of Waterville; Benediction, Rev. G. W. Barber.

Augusta.—While without a Pastor, Prof. Barbour of Bangor Seminary, has supplied the pulpit more or less of the time. The lecture room has been improved and made attractive. *Gardiner.*—The Pastor, Rev. A. L. Park, returned from his European trip of eleven months, May 31, 1873. *Hallowell.*—A manual containing a history of this church, from 1791, has been published.—The building for the Classical School in course of erection, to be completed in September.—Rev. John P. Skeele, a former Pastor, resigned his pastorate in Hatfield, Mass., Feb., 1873. Preaching by the ministers of Hallowell, in the Granite Quarries, Sabbath afternoons. *Richmond.*—Eleven hundred dollars has been subscribed for a new parsonage now building. The Young Men's Christian Association maintained meetings during the week of Prayer. Sagadahoc Co. S. S. Convention, held March 25-26, 1873. Rev. Thomas G. Grassie, who was S. S. in 1865, called to Appleton, Wis., June, 1873. *Waterville.*—Mrs. Mary P. Herrick, died May 17, 1873, aged 47. She bequeathed $50 as an annuity to the church, and $100 to Woman's Missionary Society. Ob. by E. S. C. Ch. Mir., May 27. Rev. Edward Hawes, a former Pastor, called to North Church, New Haven, Conn. *Windsor.*—By vote of Conference, this church having become extinct, is dropped from the list. *Winslow.*—Mrs. Catherine Cobb Dinsmore, wife of the Pastor, died Oct. 3, 1872, aged 37. Ob. Ch. Mir., Nov. 12. Geo. Leon Dinsmore, a son, died Nov. 6. *Winthrop.*—Rev. Thomas K. Noble, a former Pastor, (1865) commenced labors in Second ch., San Francisco, Oct. 6, 1872. Rev. A. H. Johnson who supplied in 1872, removed to Augusta. The pulpit has been supplied by W. F. S. Deane, of Bangor Seminary; John J. Blair, of Princeton, Me., to whom a call was given to settle as Pastor (declined); more recently Rev. H. F. Harding has been S. S. Reference to monument in memory of Rev. David Thurston, so long their Pastor, Ch. Mir. Oct. 7. Notice of Mrs Prudence Thurston, his wife, in Cong. Quar., July, 1872, p. 434. (Minutes 1871, p. 43). Convention of Young Men's Christian Association, Oct. 2-4, 1872. Fourth Anniversary of Winthrop Association, Dec. 22.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Convention in Pittston, Sept. 18, '72. A. Baker, of Gardiner *President*. Semi-annual Conference in China, Sept. 21. Convention at Monmouth Oct. 23. Kennebec Convention at Riverside, Nov. 12-13. Rev. John Dinsmore, of Winslow, *President*; Rev. Fred. E. Sturgess, of Gardiner, Agent of the Maine State S. S. Association.

State Temperance Convention, held in Augusta, Jan. 15-16, 1873, Governor Perham presiding.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Augusta, E. A. Nason; Benton, A. D. Hinds; Clinton, A. M. Billings; Gardiner, Rev. A. L. Park; Hallowell, J. F. Russell; Litchfield, John Hancock; Monmouth, Dea. M. J. Metcalf; Pittston, Dea. David A. White; Richmond, Dea. B. F. Tallman; Sidney, A. Sawtelle; Vassalboro', Otis Hawes; Waterville, J. B. Bradbury; Winslow, Rev. J. Dinsmore; Winthrop, Dea. Stephen Sewall.

Rev. Charles G. McCully, of Hallowell, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference*. Next meeting (semi-annual), in Winslow, Oct. 14-15, 1873.

Kennebec Association formed in Pittston, July 24, 1816, merged in Kennebec and Somerset Association,

KENNEBEC AND SOMERSET ASSOCIATIONS united, April 23, 1867, at Waterville. Meets fourth Tuesday of January, April and October, and the second Monday in July. Rev. John Dinsmore, of Winslow, *Scribe*.

Met in Norridgewock, Sept. 10, 1872; Richmond, Jan. 28, 1873; Augusta, April 22.

LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC.—Continued from page 40.

Rev. WM. FOSTER OBEAR, (Amherst, 1835—Bangor, 1868) installed Paster of 2d church, Newcastle, Oct. 23, 1872. Rev. J. K. Mason, of Thomaston, *Moderator*; Rev. H. A. Shorey, of Camden, *Scribe*. Sermon, Rev. J. O. Fiske, of Bath; "The common people heard him gladly;" Installing prayer, Rev. J. Haskell, of First church, Newcastle; Charge to the Pastor, by the Scribe; Right hand of Fellowship, Rev. Wm. H. Bolster, of Wiscasset; Address to the people, by the Moderator.

Rev. ANDREW JAMES MCLEOD, (McGill, 1867, Bangor, 1870,) was installed Pastor of 1st church, Waldoboro, Nov. 8, 1872. Rev. Javan K. Mason, of Thomaston, *Moderator of Council*; Rev. John Haskell, Newcastle, *Scribe*; Reading the Scriptures, Rev. G. W. Goucher, of the Baptist church; Prayer, Rev. John Collins, of the Methodist church, both of Waldoboro; Sermon, Rev. H. A. Shorey, Camden; Eph. 2: 17; The sacrifice, service, and joy of the ministry; Installing prayer by the Moderator; Charge to the Pastor, Rev. W. F. Obear, of Wiscasset; Right hand of Fellowship by the Scribe; Address to the people, Rev. F. V. Norcross, Union; Concluding prayer, Rev. Wm. F. Obear; Benediction by Pastor.

The same Council dismissed Rev. CHARLES PACKARD, who resigned his charge Nov. 1870, and was Stated Supply at New Alsted, N. H., and since installed Pastor at Windham, N. H., Apr. 29, 1873.

Rev. JAMES E. HALL, (Conn. Theo. Inst., 1866, Andover, 1867) called to the church in Rockland, Feb., 1873. Has been Pastor at Quincy, Mass., from Apr. 16 1868.

Rev. EZRA B. PIKE, (Bangor, 1862,) called to Boothbay, Apr. 1873. Has been Stated Supply at Stowe and Chatham, from May 18, 1869.

Rev. EDWIN S. BEARD'S pastoral relation to the 2d church in Warren, terminated Apr. 5, 1873. A Council met, Mch. 11, 1873, in reference to his dismission. Rev. H. Allen Shorey, of Camden, *Moderator*; Rev. Wm. F. Obear, of New Castle, *Scribe*. They unanimously advised that immediate steps be taken for the dissolving of the relation, and by the resignation of the Pastor, and the concurring action of the church, it ceased at the above date.

Bath, Winter Street Church.—Twenty-five members of the Sabbath School have been received into the church, as a part of the fruits of a revival. *Central Church* shared in the work. The Pastor, Rev. Wm. Hart, designed to take a trip to Europe, June, 1873.—Rev. A. F. Beard, of Syracuse, N. Y., a former Pastor, visited Maine, July, 1872. *New Castle.*—$1,200 expended in repairs on 2d church meeting house. Mrs. Lucy J. Dickey, wife of Rev. John Haskell, of 1st church, died Sep. 19, 1872, aged 39. Mrs. Susan, wife of Capt. Moses Chase, died Jan. 20, 1873. *Phipsburg*, Dea. Geo. L. Roberts, died Aug. 15, 1872; Dea. 25 years. Some religious interest during the winter 1873. *Thomaston.*—The meeting house, of which the corner stone was laid Oct. 10, 1871, dedicated Aug. 8, 1872; Invocation, Rev. B. S. Arey, Chaplain of the State Prison; Anthem, "I was glad when they said unto me;" Reading Scriptures, Rev. C. S. Penny, of the Baptist church; Prayer by Rev. Edwin S. Beard, of Warren; Sermon by Prof. Wm. M. Barbour, of Bangor Seminary, Luke 4: 16; Anthem, "Have mercy upon me, O, Father;" Dedicatory prayer, Rev. Wm. F. Obear, of 2d church, Newcastle.

Sermon in the evening by Rev. H. A. Shorey, of Camden.

The Pastor returned from Europe, Aug. 21, 1872. His report as Commissioner from Maine to the International Penitentiary Congress at London, July 3-14, has been published. While on the passage, he preached on the deck of Steamship "City of Bristol" June 23d, 900 miles from New York, from the text, John 8: 12; "I am the light of the world." On the 16th of July, he left Liverpool, for a brief tour on the Continent. On the 21st of July, addressed the Sabbath School in the American Chapel, in Paris.—A Woman's Missionary Society, organized in Thomaston and Rockland, Jan., 1873. *Union.*—The church Hymn Book, by Dr. Hatfield, has been introduced into the service of this church. *Waldoboro.*—The centennial settlement of this town, was observed June 29, 1873. Sermon preached by Rev. A. J. Smith, Pastor of the 1st church, in the old Lutheran church, which with the oration by Col. Bradbury, on the 4th of July following, and an account of the proceedings of the day, are to be published.—George S. Dodge, son of a former Pastor, Rev. John Dodge, ordained Pastor, Hebron, Conn., Aug. 4, 1872—Mrs. Olive P., widow of the late Dea. Samuel Morse, died Oct. 22, 1872, aged 87. *Wiscasset.*—Centennial Anniversary of the church to be observed Aug. 4, 1873. Address by Rev. Prof. Packard, D. D., of Bowdoin College, whose father was Pastor from 1802 to 1830. Dr. Hooker, of Boston, Stated Supply in 1830-1; Rev. U. Balkam, Pastor 1845 to '54; and Rev. Geo. E. Street, 1864 to '71, will take part in the services. *Woolwich.*—Dea. Jonathan P. Trott, a faithful officer of the church for twenty-six years, has deceased. (Notice by C. P., Ch. Mir, Dec. 24, 1872.

The Lincoln Co. Sabbath School Convention, was held in Waldoboro, Mch. 19, 20, 1873. A. Baker, of Gardiner, *Moderator*. Rev. E. S. Beard, Sec'y of Knox Co. S. S. Association spoke on the topic, How to be a good Teacher; Rev. F. E. Sturgess, of Gardiner, on Uniformity of Lessons and illustrative teaching; Rev. Wm. F. Obear, of New Castle, on the Relation and duty of the church to Sabbath Schools. [Reported Ch. M'r Apr. 8.]

The Knox S. S. Convention, at Thomaston, June, 1873. [Reported Portland Enquirer, June 6.]

Temperance meetings, under the auspices of the Reform Club, held in Rockland, Aug. 4, 1872. Rev. U. Balkham, who was supplying the church in Rockland, preached a discourse before the Club, Sep. 2. State Temperance Reform Club Convention, at Rockland, June 5, 1873.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Alna, Dea. Jeremiah Pearson; Bath, Winter st., Rev. J. O. Fiske; Bath, Central, G. H. Palmer; Boothbay, 1st church, David Adams, North Boothbay; Boothbay, 2d church, Jas. T. Beath; Bremen, J. P. Hilton; Bristol, Leonard Chamberlain; Edgecomb, Dea. Rufus Sewall; Lisbon, Mrs. A. M. Shea, Lisbon Falls, P. O.; Newcastle, 1st church, Joseph Curtis, Sheepscot Bridge; Newcastle, 2d church, Rev. Wm. F. Obear; Phipsburg, Nathaniel C. Read; Rockland, Geo. W. Kimball; Thomaston, J. A. Fuller; Topsham, A. W. Dennett; Union, Augustus Vaughn; Waldoboro, 1st ch., George Allen; Waldoboro, 2d church, Jacob Winchenbeau; Warren, I. P. Starrett; Washington, Calvin Starrett; Wiscasset, J. W. Taggard; Woolwich, Rev. Henry O. Thayer.

Rev. Wm. F. Obear, of Newcastle, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference*; Mr. Huston, of Damariscotta, *Auditor*; Rev. A. J. McLeod, of Waldoboro, *Reporter*. Next meeting in Bristol.

LINCOLN ASSOCIATION formed in Warren, May 1, 1814,—meets third Tuesday in Jan. and second Tuesday in May and September.

LINCOLN (WEST) ASSOCIATION formed at Phipsburg, May 1, 1844.—meetings, first Tuesday in February, May, and November. Rev. Henry O. Thayer, of Woolwich, *Scribe*. Met in Woolwich, Nov. 5, 1872; in Wiscasset, Feb. 4, 1873; Edgecomb, May 6.

OXFORD CONFERENCE.—Continued from page 45.

Rev. S. F. Norcross, supplied for a time the First ch. in Bethel, Dec., 1872. E. S. Huntress returned to Bridgton, July, 1872, from Wisconsin. Rev. N. Richardson, formerly at Brownfield, and Norway, to supply in Tyngsboro', Mass., Oct. 1872. Rev. Mark Gould, formerly of Andover, to leave Chichester, N. H., Nov., 1872.—Rev. Abram Maxwell, formerly of Turner, at Fairmount, Nebraska, Nov., 1872.—Rev. E. H. Titus, formerly at Bethel, called to Farmington, N. H.—Rev. J. E. Fullerton, late of Cumberland Mills, declines the call to First ch., Bethel, April, 1873.—Rev. Geo. F. Tewksbury and wife, Gorham, N. H., and Rev. Amasa Loring and wife of Sumner, received visits from their friends, with gifts, in the winter.—Mr. Walter H. Ayers, stated supply for a time at Bethel, Andover, and New Vineyard, ordained Winooski, July 16, 1872.

Andover.—Work has commenced on a new meeting house. *Bethel.*—Rev. E. F. Cutter and wife spent the summer in Bethel, and with Rev. D. Garland, of 2d church, supplied Andover. Lydia, wife of Seth Wigat, died Aug. 8, 1872, aged 81 years. Cong'l Sept. 5. *Oxford.*—The Meeting House to be repaired and painted outside, Apr., 1873. A parsonage has been donated to the church. *South Paris.*—Mrs. Sally F., widow of the late Abijah Hall, died Jan. 3, 1873, aged 75. Funeral services in the meeting house. A member of the church for half a century.—Dea. Fred. E. Shaw, delivered a discourse on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28, in Paris, taking his text from the Governor's proclamation,—"O that men would praise the Lord." Wm. E. Gould, Cashier of First National Bank, Portland, supplied the pulpit in person, May 25, 1873. *Rumford.*—Wm. Moody, a prominent citizen and member of the Church, died suddenly, May 12, 1873, aged 74. *Turner.*—The church planning to repair their Meeting house, Apr., 1873.

Notices of Rumford, Andover and Upton, by ex-Pastor B., Cong'l Sept. 5, '72. Rumford, Dixfield, &c., by E. F. C. in Ch. Mir., Oct., 1, 1872; Bethel, &c., Ch. Mir., Sept. 17.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Andover, Chas. A. Newhall; Bethel, 1st ch., Frank Chandler; Bethel, 2d ch., Rev. David Garland; Dixfield, William Woodbury; Gilead, Rev. Henry Richardson; Gorham, N. H., Rev. G. F. Tewksbury; Norway, 1st ch. O. Perry; Norway, 2nd ch., T. G. Goodwin; Oxford, Silas P. Hall; Rumford, Dea. Henry Martin; Shelburne, N. H., Mrs. Maria F. Gates; South Paris, Stephen Parsons; Sumner, I. T. Stetson; Turner, N. W. Adams; Upton, A. W. Strickland.

Frederick E. Shaw, of Paris Hill, *Scribe and Treasurer*; Dea. T. G. Goodwin, of Norway, *Reporter of Sabbath Schools*. Next meeting in Sumner, Oct. 21-22, 1873.

OXFORD ASSOCIATION formed in Norway, June 11, 1822. Second Tuesday in May, July, and September are its times for meeting. Have held no sessions of late.

...rington, Jan. 16, 1824.—Semi-annual Meeting, 3d Tuesday and Wednesday in October.

CHURCHES.—1873, May 4.—MINISTERS.					CHURCH MEM., May 4, 1873. Admitted, 1872, 3.—Removed. Baptized.																	
...ce and Name.	Organized.	Name	Ordained.	Inst. or S. S.	MA	PA	Mle	Fml	Tot	Abs	Prf	Let.	Tot	Dth	Dis	Exc	Tot	Adl	Inf	S.Sch	Cont.
...er	1800, Nov. 8	(1)James L. Hill, s. s.	Licentiate.	1873.	....	....	32	53	85	15	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	75	$42
..., First Church	1799, Oct. 7	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	43	89	132	31	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	70	225
...l, Second Church	1849, Jan. 30	David Garland.	1849, Aug. 15	1849, Aug. 15	24	24	19	40	59	16	0	0	0	4	5	0	9	0	0	70	100
Dixfield	1806, May 8	Robert C. Bedford, s.s.	Licentiate.	1873.		....	4	14	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0
Gilead	1818, June 20	Henry Farrar, s. s.	1867, Nov. 6	1872, July 14	6	....	5	15	20	8	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	40	6
Gorham N. H.	1862, Mar. 18	Geo. F. Tewksbury, s.s.	1838, Jan. 31	1868, Sept. 1	35	....	5	33	38	4	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	3	65	38
Norway, First Church	1804, Oct. 6	H. W. Pope, s. s.	Licentiate.	1872.	.....	.....	15	48	63	17	3	0	3	0	1	0	1	1	0	60	30
Norway, Second Ch.	1853, Jan. 12	Geo. W. Kelley, s. s.	1872, Dec. 28	1872, Dec. 28	1	....	12	49	61	13	0	4	4	0	3	0	3	0	0	125	55
Oxford	1826, May 31	Geo. A. Lockwood, s.s.	1870, Nov. 27	1870, Nov. 26	3	....	16	42	58	24	4	2	6	0	0	0	0	4	0	90	36
Rumford	1803, Aug. 5	John Elliot, s. s.	1831, Aug. 28	1859, Nov. 30	42	....	9	19	28	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	40	15
Shelburn, N. H.	1818, Aug. 26	Henry Farrar, s. s.	1867, Nov. 6	1872.	.....	.....	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Paris	1812, Nov. 4	John B. Wheelwright.	1851, Sept. 10	1867, Dec. 4	23	5	51	100	151	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	125	242
Sumner	1802, Sept. 9	Amasa Loring, s. s.	1842, June 15	1870, Oct. 15	31	....	25	51	76	24	2	2	4	2	2	1	5	2	0	60	77
Turner	1803, Oct. 18	Fred. E. Emerick, s. s.	Licentiate.	1873.	.....	.....	34	71	105	30	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	60	24
Upton	1861, Mar. 19	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	10	13	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0
Fifteen.		2 Pastors, 10 S. S.=12	Av. Min'l &	Past'l Age.	21	14	273	638	911	187	11	9	20	11	17	1	29	7	3	930	$896

Average as Stated Supply, three years. (1)Rev. John Elliot supplied part of the time—May, 1873.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Rev. Sam'l L. Gould, Bethel, ordained 1839, Oct. 23. Rev. Henry Richardson, Gilead, ordained 1831, Nov. 23.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING in North Norway, Oct. 15-16, 1872. Rev. Geo. F. Tewksbury, of Gorham, N. H., *Moderator*. Opening sermon by the Moderator. Conference sermon, Rev. John Elliot, of Rumford. Topics discussed,—Christian Life—its elements; the inbreathing of the Holy Spirit; faith, love, growth, prayerfulness, humility, trust in God, mercy, truth, personal integrity, honesty, zeal, every day consistency. Rev. Wm. Warren, Dis. Soc. of the Am. Board, spoke of the example of divine grace in foreign fields, as illustrating the power of Christianity in the world.

THE FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING was held in Gilead, June 10-11, 1873. David F. Brown, of Bethel, *Moderator*. Opening sermon, Rev. J. B. Wheelwright, of South Paris, Gen. 5:3. Theme—Depravity innate and universal. Conference sermon, Rev. Amasa Loring, of Sumner, Gal. 6:14. The Oxford County Bible Society, D. F. Brown, President, held its annual meeting, and was addressed by Rev. H. W Gilbert. The claims of missions were presented by Rev. J. B. Wheelwright. A letter, written by the venerable Rev. Henry Richardson, 73 years of age, and now an invalid, was read, full of sweet resignation and friendly greetings Subjects for discussion,—I. The relation of the church to the world. 1. The church, the light of the world. 2. The church, the life-preserver of the world. II. The obligations of the world to the church. 1. The world should treat the church very kindly. 2. It should be liberal in supplying the church with pecuniary aid. Revs. Geo. F. Tewksbury and Geo. A. Lockwood, officiated at the observance of the Lord's Supper.

Mr. GEORGE W. KELLY, ordained in Norway, 2d church, Dec. 18, 1872, to the gospel ministry. Rev. J. B. Wheelwright, of South Paris, *Moderator*; Rev. A. J. Smith, of Waterford, *Scribe*. Reading of the Scriptures, by the Scribe; Prayer, Rev. Amasa Loring, of Sumner; Sermon, Rev. E. Y. Hincks, of Portland. James 1:22. "Be ye doers of the word," &c.; Ordaining prayer, Rev. W. Newell, of North Waterford; Charge to the pastor, Rev. G. F. Tewksbury; Right hand of Fellowship, Rev. G. A. Lockwood; Concluding prayer, by the Moderator. Mr. K. closed his labors with the First Church, May, 1873.

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PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, 2d Tuesday and Wednesday in June.—Organized in Brownville, Jan. 11, 1825.—Semi-annual Meeting, 2d Tuesday and Wednesday in Jan.

CHURCHES.—1873, MAY 4.—MINISTERS. CHURCH MEM., May 4, 1873. Admitted.—1872-3.—Removed. Baptized.

Place and Name.	*Organized.*	*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Inst. or S. S.*	*MA*	*PA*	*Mle*	*Fml*	*Tot*	*Abs*	*Prf*	*Let*	*Tot*	*Dth*	*Lte*	*Ex*	*Tot*	*Adl*	*Inf*	*S. Sch*	*Cont.*
Bangor, First Church..	1811, Nov. 7	Newman Smyth.	1868, Jan. 29	1870, Mar. 3	5	3	49	182	231	45	1	3	4	1	7	0	8	1	0	310	†1000
Bangor, Hammond st..	1833, Dec. 5	Solomon P. Fay.	1849 Sept. 6	1866, Nov. 8	24	7	101	220	321	55	1	11	12	5	4	0	9	1	3	275	1-00
Bangor, Central.....	1847, Apr. 1	George W. Field.	1853, Nov. 15	1864, Mar. 29	20	9	91	171	262	52	6	2	8	6	5	0	12	4	0	400	1460
Brewer, First.....	1800, Sept. 9	John W. H. Baker.	1865, Jan. 29	1871, Aug. 31	8	2	43	154	197	40	1	0	1	1	4	0	5	1	0	210	342
Brewer Village.....	1843, Jan. 18	Chas. E.Harrington,s.s.	Licentiate.	1873, Jan. 1	....	....	17	46	63	13	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	120	77
Carmel.....	1853, May 3	No Ordinances.	.....	.....	....	....	1	8	9	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dedham	1841, Dec. 13	John R. Chalmers, s. s.	Licentiate.	1872, Nov.	....	....	19	34	53	24	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	59	64
Dixmont & Plymouth .	1861, Sept. 10	(1)Wm. S. Sewall, s. s.	1839. Sept. 25	1864, June 1	34	....	2	6	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*40	0
Hampden.....	1817, May 6	J. Evarts Pond.	1858, Jan. 21	1873, June 10	15	....	24	71	95	25	3	1	4	1	0	0	1	3	0	147	190
Holden	1825, Nov. 11	Supplied from Bangor	Seminary.	.....	....	....	30	57	87	5	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	108	49
Kenduskeag.....	1834, Dec. 23	Amos Redlon, s. s.	1842, July 8	1872, Nov. 1	31	....	17	35	52	19	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	20
Oldtown	1834, Sept. 24	(2)Rich'd W. Jenkins,ss.	Licentiate.	1873, June.	....	....	14	49	63	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	18
Orono.....	1826, May 18	(3)Well'gt'n R. Cross, p.e	1865, Sept. 7	1873, Aug. 3	8	..	27	98	125	27	39	0	39	3	0	0	3	29	0	168	92
Orrington, East.....	1834, June 12	Sup. from Bangor Semi	nary.	.....	....	....	19	34	53	14	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	40	0
Upper Stillwater.....	1859, Oct. 6	(3)Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	4	17	21	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	0
Veazie.....	1838, June 19	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	16	32	48	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	0
Sixteen.		5 Pastors. 7 S. S.=12.	Av. Min'l & Past'l Age.		18	4	474	1214	1688	385	51	18	69	19	27	0	46	39	3	2077	$4312

Average as Stated Supply, three years. (1) Closed labors, Dec. 21, 1872. (2) Rev. Wm. H. Rand closed labors Mar., 1873. (3) Prof. L. L. Paine sup. in Spring. *Union.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.—Enoch Pond, ordained March 1, 1815; Daniel Smith Talcott, Dec. 7, 1873; William McLeod Barbour, Oct. 2, 1861; Levi Leonard Paine, Oct. 9, 1861 (professors in the Theological Seminary, Bangor); Richard Woodhull, July 7, 1859; John Russell Herrick, June 31, 1854; Levi G. Marsh, Oct. 3, 1855; John Kent Lincoln, Sept. 20, 1862; Wm. Henry Rand, Jan. 17, 1872; Edward A. Ford, *Licentiate*. All of Bangor.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING held with the Central ch., Bangor, March 11-12, 1873, (postponed from Jan. 14-15). Dea. George A. Thatcher, of Bangor, *Moderator* p. t.; Opening sermon, Rev. Francis T. Hazelwood, of the 1st Baptist ch., Bangor, Mark 15:31, "He saved others, Himself he cannot save;" Conference sermon, Rev. John W. H. Baker, of Brower, Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Topics discussed,—1. Some of the ways in which piety manifests itself; 2. Duty of the church to Foreign Missions; 3. What shall be done to give increased interest and power to our meetings for prayer; 4. To secure a revival of religion in our churches and congregations; 5. To prevent the multiplication of feeble churches; 6. To secure an adequate supply of Ministers for our churches. Verbal reports given of the state of the churches. Ordinance of the Supper administered by Revs. Joseph S. Cogswell, of Holden, and Levi G. Marsh, of Bangor; Benediction by Dr. Pond.

The FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING was held June 10-11, 1873, with the church in Hampden. Rev. John W. H. Baker, *Moderator*. Topics discussed,—1. The advantages of the Pastoral relation above that of stated supply. 2. The claims of a religious life upon the young men. 3. The duty of the church to neglectors of the Sanctuary. 4. The social life of the church,—how to promote it. 5. Motives of earnestness in the christian life. The Scribe read the report of the state of the churches. Conference sermon, Rev. Amos Redlon, of Kenduskeag, 1 Cor. 11:24, "This do in remembrance of me." Ordinance of the Supper administered by Rev. S. P. Fay, of Bangor, and the Moderator. Tuesday afternoon was appropriated to the Installation of Rev. J. E. Pond.

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third Tuesday in October.

Churches.—1872, May 4.—Ministers.					Church Mem., May 4, 1873.						Admitted—1872-3—Removed.								Baptized.			
Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Inst. or S. S.	MA	PA	Mle	Fml	Tot	Abs	Prf	Let	Tot	Dth	Dis	Exc	Tot	Adl	Inf	S.Sc	Cont.
Abbot and Guilford	1841, Feb. 2	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	9	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	$ 0
Atkinson	1842, Mar. 2	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	4	6	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	*75	†300
Blanchard	1833, Mar. 13	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	29	50	21	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	22
Brownville	1819, Aug. 24	Charles L. Nichols.	1861, Nov. 7	1872, Feb. 20	12	1	50	92	142	17	2	2	4	2	1	0	3	1	1	125	45
Exeter	1834, July 22	G. H. Spear, s. s.	Licentiate.	1873,	....	....	6	21	27	8	0	0	0	1	6	0	7	0	0	40	40
Foxcroft and Dover	1822, Dec. 34	John H. Gurney.	1830, Feb. 22	1869, Oct. 19	23	4	57	130	187	32	4	0	4	2	1	0	3	3	3	130	315
Garland	1810, Mar. 1	Peter B. Thayer.	1848, Dec. 21	1848, Dec. 21	25	25	41	64	105	18	3	1	4	3	0	0	3	3	0	110	116
*Greenville	1809, Dec. 5	(1)Chas. Davidson, s. s.	Licentiate.	1872.	....	....	15	25	40	7	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	5	35	100
Monson	1821, Aug. 11	Amory H Tyler, s. s.	1855, June 6	1870, July.	18	....	43	60	103	18	15	1	16	2	1	0	3	13	1	100	80
Sangerville	1828, Aug. 28	Rufus W. Emerson, s. s.	1856, May 28	1871, Jan.	17	....	4	13	17	4	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	*50	10
Ten.		3 Pastors. 4 S. S.=7.	Av. Min'l & Past'l Age,		19	10	242	447	689	126	28	4	32	13	10	0	23	21	10	715	$1028

*Union Evangelical. Average as Stated Supply, two years. (1)Benj. F. Grant, Licentiate—supplied from May, 1873. *Union Schools.
†Includes $100 legacy to Maine Missionary Soc.

Semi-annual Meeting at Dover, Oct. 15, 16, 1872. Opening Sermon, Rev. Amos Redlon, of Dexter—1 Cor. 15: 58; Conference sermon, Rev. Charles L. Nichols, of Brownville. Subjects discussed,—The necessity of the Holy Spirit's influence upon the church. 1. In order for the conversion of men. 2. In order to make the truth effectual. An appeal was made in behalf of the feeble churches—that the strong churches cherish a sympathy for them, and send their pastors to bestow labor upon them. Rev. P. B. Thayer, of Garland, was appointed to direct in this matter. The report of the churches showed a continued interest in Monson. The Lord's Supper was administered by Revs. A. Redlon, and P. B. Thayer.

The Thirty-first Annual Meeting was held with the church in Brownville, June 17, 18, 1873. Dea. Charles Davidson, of Monson, *Moderator*; Rev. Chas. L. Nichols, of Brownville, *Scribe pro tem.* Topics for discussion.—1. What is the condition of church membership. 2. The obligations and privileges of church members. 3. What shall be done to increase the interest in our Conferences. 4. The importance of church membership to all who love Christ. Sermon Tuesday eve, by Rev. John H. Gurney, of Foxcroft, Gen. 28: 20–22; Conference Sermon by Rev. Peter B. Thayer, of Garland, 1 John 4: 17–19. Ordinance of the Lord's Supper, Revs. J. H. Gurney, and P. B. Thayer.

Blanchard.—Mrs. Patience B., widow of the late Dea. R. K. Packard, died Oct. 18, 1872, aged 82 years. *Brownville.*—Rev. L. S. Coan, a former Pastor, removed from Somerset, Mass., to Fall River, Mass. *Dexter.*—Rev. Amos Redlon closed his labors with this church, Sep., 1872, and removed to Kenduskeag. *Foxcroft and Dover.*—The semi-centennial anniversary of the organization of this church, observed Jan. 1, 1873. Historical address by the Pastor, Rev. John H. Gurney, in the afternoon; social gathering in the evening. Some religious interest in the spring. *Garland.*—The twenty-fifth anniversary of the settlement of Rev. Peter B. Thayer, as Pastor of this church, occurs Dec. 21, 1873. Social gatherings, with gifts, Sep. 30, 1872, on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of his marriage, and Christmas gifts in Dec. following. *Greenville.*—E. A. Ford, S. S., left Oct., 1872.

Piscataquis Union Sabbath School Convention in Greenville, Aug. 28, 29, 1872. Rev. J. H. Gurney, Chairman of Committee.

Sabbath School celebration in Garland, Sep. 3, of schools in Garland, Charleston, Corinth, Corinna, Exeter, and other towns.

Sabbath School Convention in Guilford, Dec., 1872.

Clerks of the Churches.—Abbot and Guilford, Daniel R. Straw, jr., of G.; Atkinson, R. R. Gould; Blanchard, Daniel Blanchard; Brownville, E. W. Stickney; Dexter, Dea. J. W. Barrows; Foxcroft and Dover, C. H. B. Woodbury, of Dover; Garland, Rev. P. B. Thayer; Greenville, B. F. Grant; Monson, Charles Davison; Sangerville, Dea. Joseph Fowler.

Rev. Rufus W. Emerson, of Monson, *Scribe of Conference*; C. H. B. Woodbury, of Dover, *Treas'r.*

Piscataquis Association formed at Monson, January 25, 1841. Annual meeting third Tuesday in February; other meetings quarterly. Rev. John H. Gurney, of Foxcroft, Scribe. Met in Greenville, Aug. 27, 1872; Monson, May 20, 1873.

SOMERSET CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, Tuesday preceding 2d Wednesday in June.—Organized in Norridgewock, Oct. 1, 1823.—Semi-annual Meeting, no regular day, usually in Oct.

CHURCHES.—1873, May 4.—MINISTERS. CHURCH MEM., May 4, 1873.—Admitted.—1872-3.—Removed. Baptized.

Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Inst. or S. S.	MA	PA	Mle	Fml	Tot	Abs	Prf	Let	Tot	Dth	Dis	Ex.	Tot	Add	Inf	SSc.	Cont.
Anson	1840, Apr. 19	Vacant.					20	39	59	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	$ 7
Athens	1807, June 6	William S. Sewall, s. s.	1839, Sept. 25	1871, Oct.			13	29	42	2	1	0	1	3	0	0	3	0	4	107	10
Bingham	1805, July 21	H. P. Craig, s. s.	Licentiate.	1873.			20	28	48	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	50	50
Madison	1824, Apr. 25	Thos. G. Mitchell, s. s.	1840, Nov. 18	1851, Nov. 16	27		29	47	76	25	0	1	1	1	6	0	7	0	0	60	30
Madison, East	1858, Mar. 24	S. H. Curtis, s. s.	Licentiate.	1873.			7	12	19	0	8	2	10	0	2	0	2	3	0	*75	14
Mercer	1822, Oct, 30	Vacant.					9	12	21	6	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	0	*40	0
New Portland, North	1993, May 27	Geo. W. Hathaway, s. s.	1833, Mar. 20	1872.			5	13	18	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	*75	19
Norridgewock	1797, Sept. 22	Benjamin Tappan.	1838, Aug. 8	1858, Oct. 27	35	15	39	90	129	36	10	2	12	5	1	0	6	6	1	163	236
Skowhegan	1810, Nov. 1	Webster Woodbury, s. s.	1888, Sept. 9	1870, Apr. 1	5		40	91	131	19	11	4	15	1	1	0	2	10	1	200	180
Solon	1842, Jan. 25	Ezra N. Smith, s. s.	1873, June 12	1872, May.	1		5	6	11	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	50	15
Solon, South	1808, Sept. 30	Vacant.					2	10	12	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	14
St. Albans	1830, June 18	William S. Sewall, s. s.	1839, Sept. 25	1864, June 10	34		8	18	26	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	125	30
Twelve.		1 Pastor, 7 S. S.=8.	Av. Min'l & Past'l Age,		24	15	197	395	592	135	30	10	40	16	15	0	31	19	6	975	$605

Average as Stated Supply, seven years. Licentiates—George W. Winch, Canaan, 1873; L. B. Tuckerman, Moose River, 1873.

THE FIFTIETH ANNUAL MEETING in Athens, June 10, 11, '73. Rev. G.W. Hathaway, of Skowhegan, *Moderator*; Opening sermon by the Moderator; Phil. 3. 10-16. "Whereto we have already attained," &c.; Conference sermon, Rev. Ezra N. Smith, of Solon, John 15: 4. "Abide in me" Questions discussed. 1. What is the normal state of a Christian person? 2. Can we attain to standing complete in the will of God? 3. What shall be done to bring greater numbers under the influence of the Sanctuary? 4. How can we secure greater Christian union among those of different particular faiths? Revs. B. Tappan, and T. G. Mitchell, officiated at observance of the Lord's Supper.

No semi-annual meeting.

REV. EZRA NYE SMITH ordained as Evangelist in Solon, June 12, 1872. [See Record Minutes 1872. p. 43.]

REV. GEORGE W. HATHAWAY closed forty years of his ministry, on the first of Feb., 1873. From 1833 to 1869, he was Pastor of the church in Bloomfield. He was visited by his friends in remembrance of the occasion.

Athens.—Mrs. Bertha Tozier died March, 1873, aged 108 years and 8 months; born in Woolwich, her father, Mr. Rose, removed to Bangor, and settled on the grounds which bear his name-the Rose Place-and where he was drowned 100 years ago. She was converted under the labors of Father Sewall. (Ch. Of Mes. 12, 1873.) *Madison.*—The people, with the aid of former members residing elsewhere, have repaired the church edifice, newly shingling, plastering and painting; procured a new organ, bell, stone steps, and carpets, at an expense of $1,500. Thirty of its members have removed, to reside in other places—7 have gone to California, and 5 to Kansas. The acting Pastor, Rev. T. G. Mitchell, has been with them 21 years.—As the Sec. of the Me. Miss'y Society says:—"A time sufficient for the growth of an affectionate confidence and attachment between minister and people."—Letter Ch. M'r, No. 12, by S. T., Nov. 19, '72. *Norridgewock.*—Church edifice repaired—New Hymn Book introduced (Dr. Hatfield's). *Skowhegan.*—Religious interest in the winter. The Pastor assisted by neighboring ministers held a series of meetings. In the spring, on account of ill health, the Pastor was released six months from preaching Sabbath afternoons. Mrs. Elizabeth, widow of the late Dea. W. Dole, and mother of Rev. Daniel Dole, Sandwich Islands, and the late Rev. Nathan Dole, Ed. Miss'y Herald, died Jan. 23, 1873, aged 85.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Convention at North Anson, Sep. 18, 1872; at Madison, Sep. 25; St. Albans, Oct. 17; Athens, Oct. 23.

An effort is making to build a meeting house in Brighton; a gentleman in Portland offers to give a bell.

CLERKS OF CHURCHES.—Anson, Arthur Dinsmore; Athens, Dr. W. B. Leavitt; Bingham, Dea. Nathan Baker; Madison, Dr. C. D. Morrill; Madison, E., Mark Hobart; Mercer, Albert J. Downs; New Portland, N., Dr. W. H. Stevens; Norridgewock, H. N. Page; Skowhegan, Hon. James Bell; Solon, Dr. Mortimer Bodwell; S. Solon, William K. Paul; St. Albans, Nathaniel Merrill.

Rev. Benjamin Tappan, of Norridgewock, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.* Next meeting in Madison.

SOMERSET AND FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION formed at Strong, May 4, 1853. SOMERSET ASSOCIATION united with FRANKLIN, was formed July 10, 1844; these are now merged in the KENNEBEC AND SOMERSET ASSOCIATION, formed at Waterville, April 23, 1867; meets fourth Tuesday of January, April, and Oct., and second Monday in July. Rev. John Dinsmore, of Winslow, *Scribe.* Met in Norridgewock, Sep. 10, 1873; Richmond, Jan. 28, 1873; Augusta, Apr. 22.

...gation in South Bridgton, June 25, 1868.—Semi-Annual Meeting, last Tuesday in October two days).

CHURCHES.—1873, May 4.—MINISTERS. CHURCH MEM., May 4, 1873. Admitted—1872-3—Removed. Baptized.

Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Inst. or S. S.	M. A	P. A	Mle	Fml	Tot	Abs	Prf	Let	Tot	Dth	Dis	Exc	Tot	Add	Inf	SSc.	Cont.
...ny	1803, Sept. 15	John E. Smith, s. s.	Licentiate.	1872, 13 w'ks.	....	....	15	32	47	16	7	0	7	1	0	0	1	6	0	70	$30
...gton	1784, Aug. 26	John T. Rea, s. s.	Licentiate.	1873, Feb. 1	....	....	31	80	111	19	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	90	10
...gton, North	1832, Nov. 15	Nehemiah Lincoln, 1-2.	1872, May 15	1871, Oct. 28	1	1	14	35	49	10	0	3	3	3	0	0	3	0	1	58	43
Bridgton, South	1829, Dec. 30	John W.Brownville,s.s.	Licentiate.	1873, May.	....	....	27	41	68	15	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	100	38
Brownfield	1804, Oct.	Nath. H.Whittlesey,s.s.	Licentiate.	1873,	....	....	18	32	50	12	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	100	35
Casco	1864, Sept. 19	M. D. Stone, s. s.	Licentiate.	1872, 13 w'ks.	....	....	9	11	20	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	15
Denmark	1829, July 5	Truman S. Perry.s.s. 1-2	1873, June 18	1872, July 7	....	....	10	33	43	16	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	25	8
Fryeburg	1775, Aug. 21	(1)David B. Sewall.	1842, Jan. 19	1859, Dec. 8	31	13	69	127	196	46	2	0	2	6	4	0	10	1	2	90	236
Harrison	1826, Feb. 15	Nehemiah Lincoln, 1-2.	1872, May 15	1871, Oct. 28	....	1	21	19	40	23	4	4	8	0	0	0	0	2	0	58	21
Hiram	1826, Oct. 26	R. Henry Davis. s. s.	1872, Nov. 12	1872, Oct. 1	1	....	6	10	16	2	2	4	6	0	0	0	0	1	1	60	10
Lovell	1798, Oct. 6	Edward F. Abbot, s. s.	1846 Aug. 19	1872, July 1	17	....	41	77	118	25	3	2	5	4	4	0	8	2	5	151	49
Naples	1858, Aug. 10	Henry F. Snow, s. s.	1858, June 10	1872, Dec.	15	....	3	13	16	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Otisfield	1797, Nov. 23	Herbert A. Loring, s. s.	Licentiate.	1873.	....	....	24	40	64	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	10
Stow and Chatham	1861, Oct. 23	Ezra B. Pike, s. s.	1863, Sept. 16	1869, May 18	10	....	18	27	45	10	1	0	1	3	0	0	3	0	1	55	40
Sweden	1817, Nov. 4	Truman S. Perry.s s.1-2	1873, June 18	1873, Feb. 1	....	....	22	28	50	13	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	35	40
Waterford	1799, Oct. 2	(2)Andrew J. Smith, s.s.	1866, Nov. 6	1872, July 1	7	....	35	67	102	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	0	100	393
Waterfold, North	1865, June 20	(3)Well'gton Newell,s.s.	1856, Nov. 18	1870, Nov. 1	17	....	25	54	79	17	0	2	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	70	30
Seventeen.		2 Pastors, 11 S. S.=13.	Av. Min'l &	Past'l Age,	12	22	388	726	1114	233	22	17	39	28	12	0	40	14	10	1212	$1013

Average as Stated Supply, one year. (1)Dismissed Apr. 30, 1873. (2)Rev. John A. Douglass remains Pastor of the Church, though not in active service. (3) Accepts call to East Charlemont, Mass., June, 1873.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING in South Bridgton, Oct. 29, 30, 1872. Dea. Truman S. Perry, of Bridgton, *Moderator*; Rev. A. Blanchard, *Scribe*; Opening sermon, Rev. Stephen Thurston. Theme.—The great essential doctrines of the gospel, the basis of union among Christians. This subject was made the topic for discussion, afterwards. Other topics.—1. Christ's love to us, as displayed in his coming into the world to save sinners; in his life on earth; in his death on the cross; in drawing men unto Him. 2. Our love to Christ; its origin in the Soul; moving to self-consecration; to personal obedience; to active labor; to love of the brethren; consoling in affliction; the glory of heaven. Conference sermon by Rev. Nehemiah Lincoln, of North Bridgton.—"Who loved me, and gave himself for me." The Lord's Supper, administered by Revs. David B. Sewall, of Fryeburg, and Edward P. Eastman, of North Conway, N. H. "This was one of the most largely attended, and most spiritual meetings of the Conference."

THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING in Fryeburg, June 11, 12, 1873. Rev. David B. Sewall, of Fryeburg, *Moderator*, p. t.; Rev. N. Lincoln, of North Bridgton, *Scribe*; Opening sermon, Rev. Edward F. Abbott, of Lovell, Luke 24: 34; Tuesday evening, Rev. John T. Rea, of Bridgton, John 8: 36; Conference sermon, Rev. R. H. Davis, of Hiram, Matt. 5: 20. Topics for remark.—1. To what causes shall be attributed the limited success of the Gospel? 2.—What kind of preaching and what qualities in the Christian minister are demanded in the present age? 3. How shall the Sabbath School be rendered a more efficient means of Conversion? 4. Is any change in the number and method of our public Sabbath services desirable? Lord's Supper administered.

REV. NEHEMIAH LINCOLN, ordained Pastor of the churches at North Bridgton, and Harrison, May 15, 1872. (See Records Minutes 1872, p. 44.)

ROBERT HENRY DAVIS, (Amherst 1868, Bangor 1871) ordained as an Evangelist at Hiram, Nov. 12, 1872. Rev. David B. Sewall, of Fryeburg, *Moderator of Council*; Rev. Edward P. Eastman, of North Conway, N. H., *Scribe*; Introductory services, Prof. Thomas H. Rich, Lewiston; Sermon, Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Searsport, 2 Cor. 4: 7; "This treasure in earthen vessels;" Ordaining prayer by the Preacher; Charge to the Pastor, by the Moderator; Right hand of Fellowship, by the Scribe; Benediction, Rev. R. Henry Davis.

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WALDO CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, second Tuesday in June, usually.—Organized in Searsport, June 14, 1848.—Semi-annual Meeting, second Tuesday in October.

CHURCHES.—1873, MAY 4.—MINISTERS. CHURCH MEM., May 4, 1873. Admitted.—1872-3.—Removed. Baptized.

Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Inst. or S. S.	MA	PA	Mle	Fml	Tot	Abs	Prf	Let.	Tot	Dth	Dis	Exc	Tot	Add	Inf	SSch	Cont.
Belfast, First	1796, Dec. 29	John Alexander Ross.	1854, June.	1873. P. elect.	19	....	23	82	105	15	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	100	$263
Belfast, North	1846, Sept. 24	A. G. Fitz, s. s.	Licentiate.	1873.	....	....	12	24	36	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	40	50
Camden, Elm St.	1805, Sept. 11	(1)H. Allen Shorey.	1865, July 28	1869, Sept. 4	8	4	33	94	127	18	2	0	2	2	1	0	3	2	0	156	161
Frankfort	1851, Nov. 18	(2)Richard B. Snell, s. s.	Licentiate.	1873.	....	....	2	10	12	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	50	32
Freedom	1858, Apr. 14	Alfred H. Moment, s. s.	Licentiate.	1873.	....	....	9	13	22	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	40	0
Jackson and Brooks	1812, Oct. 6	Albert N. Jones.	1872, Feb. 8	1872, Feb. 8	1	1	20	47	67	0	8	1	9	3	1	0	4	7	0	110	38
Rockport	1854, June 12	John K. Fowler, s. s.	Licentiate.	1873.	....	....	12	33	45	12	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	50	50
Sandy Point	1839, Oct. 16	(3)Herbert R.Howes,s.s.	1870, Jan. 13	1872. Apr. 7	3	....	30	51	81	35	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	70	39
Searsport, First	1815, Oct. 4	Jona. E. Adams.	1839, Oct. 19	1866, May 16	14	7	50	122	172	14	32	2	34	4	2	0	6	24	1	152	382
Searsport, Second	1855, Sept. 19	(3)Herbert R.Howes,s.s.	1870, Jan. 13	1872, Apr. 7	....	....	8	25	33	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	30	25
Unity	1804, Dec. 1	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	1	3	4	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	0	0
Winterport	1820, Sept. 17	J. G. Willis, s. s.	Licentiate.	1873.fw mos.	....	....	15	57	72	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	90
Twelve.		3 Pastors, 5 S. S.=8.	Av. Min'l &	Past'l Age,	9	4	215	561	776	123	42	3	45	15	12	0	27	33	1	873	$1131

Average as Stated Supply, one year.

(1) Accepted a call to Spencer, Mass., May, 1873. (2) B. P. Butler, S. S. a part of the year. (3) Closed labors here, April, 1873—P. O. address, China, Me.

Rev. STEPHEN THURSTON, Secretary of the Maine Missionary Society, Searsport, ordained 1826, Aug. 9. Rev, Wooster Parker, Belfast, ord. 1833, Sep. 29. Rev. Edward F. Cutter, Belfast, ordained 1833, May 8.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING was held in Brooks, Oct. 22, 23, 1873. Dea. L. Palmer, of Belfast, *Moderator*; Opened with devotional exercises; Sermon Tuesday P. M., Rev. F. V. Norcross, of Union; "The set time to favor Zion;" in the evening by Rev. H. R. Howes, of Stockton; "The exercise of the Christian's gift." Wednesday P. M., by Rev. J. E. Adams, of Searsport; "We are the Lord's." Topics discussed. 1. The duty of the church and people where the gospel is preached, to make it effective. 2. The family as the nursery of the church; parental consecration; child conversion; encouragement to unite early with God's people. 3. How can more interst be excited in the Sabbath Schools. The conclusion seemed to be—to teach and study the Bible. 4. How is the prayer meeting to be sustained? Verbal reports from the churches. The Lord's Supper administered by Revs. F. V. Norcross, of Lincoln Conference, and Herbert R. Howes, of Searsport.

THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING was held with the Second church, Searsport, June 10, 11, 1873. Opening sermon, Rev. John K. Fowler, of Rockport. The gospel spirit of the old Testament. Conference sermon, Rev. Albert N. Jones, of Jackson; "Come, for all things are now ready." Topics for remark:—1. How shall the latent power of the church be developed. 2.—Christian separation from the world.—its influence upon the church, and upon the world. 3. Prayer meetings in scattered neighborhoods,—time, place, manner,—cottage prayer meetings. 4. Consecration to Christ, how much does it imply, and what practical duties does it involve. 5. Love as a motive power—love *of* Christ—love *to* Christ. Ordinance of the Lord's Supper administered by Revs. S. Thurston, and John A. Ross. The churches had not been so fully represented for a long time.

Rev. JOHN ALEXANDER ROSS, formerly of New Gloucester, and since 1864, Pastor at Marion, Iowa, has accepted a call to Belfast, June, 1873.

Rev. HARRISON ALLEN SHOREY resigns his charge at Camden, to take effect May 1, 1873. He has a call to Spencer, Mass., to commence Aug. 1, 1873.

Rev. HERBERT R. HOWES resigned his charge at Sandy Point, Apr., 1873.

Belfast.—Mrs. Martha Owen (Wright), wife of Dea. Joseph L. Havener, died Aug. 25, 1872, aged 61 years. A member of this church 42 years. A descendent of the pilgrims, Robert Cushman and Isaac Allerton. Cong'l Nov. 21, 1872. *North Belfast.*—Rev. Truman A. Merrill, who supplied in 1820—63, installed Pastor, Wayland, Mass., July 20, 1873. *Camden.*—Dea. Samuel G. Adams, died Dec. 2, 1872, aged 69.—A faithful servant of the Master.—Rev. Franklin P. Chapin, a former Pastor, having recovered his health, is again to enter upon ministerial work in some field. Notice Ch. M., May 13, 1873. *Freedom.*—In the absence of a Pastor, sermons, selected, have been read by Dr. Billings. *Rockport.*—In the winter, Rev. H. A. Shorey, of Camden, supplied Sabbath afternoons.—*Searsport.*—A precious revival enjoyed, beginning with the week of prayer. *Winterport.*—Vestry repaired, Sep., 1873.

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CHURCHES.—1873, May 4.—MINISTERS.				CHURCH MEM., May 4, 1873. Admitted, 1872, 3.—Removed.												Baptized.				
Place and Name.	*Organized.*	*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Inst. or S. S.*	*MA*	*P A*	*Mle*	*Fml*	*Tot*	*Abs*	*Prf*	*Let*	*Tot*	*Dth*	*Dis*	*Ex.*	*Tot*	*dl*	*Inf*	*S.S c*	*Cont.*
Alexander	1854, Nov. 7	Vacant.					1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	$ 0
Calais	1825, Aug. 17	Wm. Carruthers, s. s.	1857, June 16	1868, Sept. 1	16	....	46	152	198	0	8	2	10	1	1	0	2	0	0	180	200
Cherryfield	1833, Oct. 26	Vacant.					3	7	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100
Cooper	1826 Feb. 22	A. H. Adams, s. s.	Licentiate.	1873, June 1	....	....	5	9	14	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	73
Dennysville	1805, Oct. 27	Charles Whittier.	1860, Nov. 13	1860, Nov. 13	13	13	46	72	118	25	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	190	75
Eastport	1819, Feb. 7	Ernest F. Borchers, s.s.	1869, Jan. 14	1873, June.	4	....	15	78	93	22	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	75	68
Machias	1782. Sept. 12	Thomas T. Merry.	1864, June 9	1872, July 31	9	1	46	135	181	0	0	8	8	3	0	0	3	0	0	280	369
Machias, East	1826, June 8	Vacant.					42	66	108	31	0	0	0	2	7	0	9	0	0	100	300
Machiasport	1831, Jan. 25	Gilman Bacheller, s. s.	1831, June 15		42	....	20	25	45	6	4	0	4	2	0	0	2	3	0	60	0
Marshfield	1871, Sept. 14	Wm. J. Leggett, s. s.	Licentiate.	1873, June 1	....	....	18	33	51	0	5	1	6	1	0	0	1	0	0	125	90
Northfield	1836. Sept. 15	Zenas Crowell, s. s.	Licentiate.	1873.	....	....	10	17	27	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	43
Pembroke	1855. Sept. 30	Vacant.					5	12	17	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Perry	1822, Oct. 7	Vacant.					12	36	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	17
Princeton	1858, Dec. 2	John J. Blair, s. s.	Licentiate.	1871.	....	....	21	26	47	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	125	60
Robbinston	1811, Nov. 24	Geo. Juchau, s. s.	1869, Mar. 3	1871. Nov. 26	4	....	29	69	98	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	30
St. Stephen, N. B.	1846, Oct. 21	Jona. G. Leavitt, p. e.	1870. June 27	1873, Apr. 13	3	...	25	75	100	20	1	0	1	2	2	0	4	0	0	170	800
Topsfield	1861, Nov. 6	Rich'd M. Burgess, s. s.	Licentiate.	1873.	....	....	10	21	31	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	55
Whiting	1833. Nov. 9	Wm. Veenschoten, s. s.	Licentiate.	1872, May 25	....	....	6	21	27	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	10
Whitneyville	1836, Dec. 7	John A. Van Neste, s. s.	Licentiate.	1873, June 1	....	....	23	33	56	10	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	80	22
Nineteen.		2 Pastors. 11 S. S.=13.	Av. Min'l &	Past'l Age.	13	7	383	889	1272	169	24	11	35	16	11	0	27	7	0	1725	$2402

Average as Stated Supply, two years. Licentiates—J. A. Freeman, of Yale Sem'y, Steuben, 1873,—D. S. Holbrook, Jonesport, 1873.

The SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING was held in Princeton, Oct. 15-16, 1872,—Dea. George A. Peabody, of Eastport, *Moderator*. Opening sermon by Rev. George Juchau, of Robbinston,—Text, Phil. 2: 6—11; Closing sermon by Rev. William Carruthers, of Calais,—Text, Acts 1: 8; Topics for discussion, 1. In the work of saving souls, is too much expected from the pulpit? 2. Do we need a reform in the manner of presenting the gospel? 3. How can we secure a more general attendance upon the public worship of God? 4. What is the meaning of Luke 24: 49, and how shall we obtain that power? 5. Wherein are our Sabbath Schools weak? The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered. A well-deserved tribute was paid to the late Mrs. Putnam Rolfe, a member of the Princeton church, who died July 1, 1872.

The FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING was held at Dennysville, June 10-11, 1873. Edward H. Balkam, of St. Stephen, *Moderator*. Topics for discussion,—1. The need of a more earnest support of the Maine Missionary Society; 2. Are the truths of the Bible losing their controlling power over the hearts and lives of christians? 3. Is the power of the Bible upon the people generally, decreasing? 4. What shall be done about Sabbath School Libraries? 5. Are the uniform Sabbath School Lessons a decided improvement? 6. What can be done to make the instruction of the Sabbath School, more deep and permanent, in the characters of the young? On Tuesday afternoon, the Washington County Bible Society held its 51st annual meeting. Rev. William Carruthers, of Calais, *President*; Mr. William Allen, of Dennysville, has been employed nearly one-half the year, in exploring the county, and supplying the destitute with the Bible.

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PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE.—Continued from page 46.

Rev. JEREMIAH EVARTS POND. (Bowdoin 1853, Bangor 1856), installed Pastor at Hampden, June 10, 1873. Rev. William M. Barbour, Prof. in Theo. Sem., Bangor, *Moderator*; Rev. John W. H. Baker, of Brewer, *Scribe*. Introductory services, Rev. Amos Redlon, of Kenduskeag: Sermon, by the Moderator. Matthew 5:17. Came not to destroy, but to fulfill; Installing prayer, Rev. Enoch Pond, Bangor; Right hand, Rev. Newman Smyth, of Bangor; Charge to Pastor and people, Rev. Professor Levi L. Paine, of Bangor Seminary; Prayer, Rev. S. P. Fay, of Bangor; Benediction by Pastor. (Mr. P. has been settled several years in Plattville, Wisconsin.)

REV. AMOS REDLON, who has been supplying at Dexter, commenced a ministry in Kenduskeag, Nov. 1, 1872. Mr. R. has heretofore had an honored connection with the Free Will Baptist denomination, having been licensed to preach by the Boston Church and Quarterly Meeting, July 7, 1841, and ordained by them to the work of the ministry, in the Cong'l ch. in Hallowell, July 8, 1842.

CHARLES EDWARD HARRINGTON, a member of Senior class, Theological Seminary, Bangor, commenced his labors in Brewer Village, Jan. 1, 1873.

Rev. JOSEPH S. COGSWELL, dismissed from the pastorate at Holden, May 1, 1873. Rev. Newman Smyth, of Bangor, *Moderator* of Council; William G. Duren, of Bangor, *Scribe*. Mr. S. accepts a call to Strong.

Rev. WILLIAM HENRY RAND, leaves Oldtown, Nov., 1872. Rev. JONATHAN G. LEAVITT, resigns at Orono, March, 1873. Accepts a call to St. Stephen, N. B. Rev. WELLINGTON R. CROSS, from New Gloucester, commences his ministry at Orono, Aug. 3, 1873—to be installed as Pastor in September. CLARENDON A. STONE leaves the charge of the churches in Brewer Village and East Orrington, Nov., 1872. Ordained at Southville, Mass., April 2, 1873.

Rev. JOSHUA EATON, resident in Bangor,—without charge. Ordained, 1841, Dec. 1.

CHURCHES.—*Bangor, First ch.*—Union service Fast Day, April 17, 1873. Sermon by Rev. N. Smyth, "Folly is set in great dignity"—(The Times.) The Bangor Division of the Grand Army of the Republic, held a service May 25, 1873. Discourse by the Pastor.—Sixty-second anniversary of the Sabbath School, Dec. 15, 1872. Address by Professor L. L. Paine, of the Theo. Sem.—Notice of Dea. William Boyd, first deacon, by Dr. Pond, in Northern Border, Bangor, Apr. 26, 1873.—Mrs. Tace Wardwell, wife of Rev. Lyman S. Rowland, (Pastor 1864-7) died in Saratoga, New York, March 22, 1873, aged 38. Bangor Whig Apr. 2, Cong'l Apr. 17. *Hammond St. ch.*—Thirty-ninth anniversary of the Sabbath School, observed Dec. 8, 1872. Address by Rev. Asa Bullard, D. D., of Boston. The Ladies' Missionary Circle forwarded three Boxes clothing to the west, value $450. A Box to New Sweden was sent in the winter. The Swedes in Bangor and vicinity held a service Sabbath afternoon, June 22, in their own language, conducted by Rev. Andrew Wiren, of New Sweden. Part of the service in English, by the Pastor, Rev. S. P. Fay, and Mr. Wiren. *Central ch.*—The Pastor, Rev. G. W. Field, absent for a brief tour in Europe. Arrived at Liverpool, May 10, 1873. Prof. Wm. M. Barbour, supplies the pulpit most of the time during his absence. The twenty-sixth anniversary of the Sabbath School, Nov. 10, 1872. Address by Rev. Professor John R. Herrick, D. D., of Sem., Bangor, referring to some of his journeyings in Palestine. *Brewer.*—Charles F. Dole, son of Rev. Nathan Dole, (Pastor 1842 to 1850), fills temporarily the Professorship of Greek in Vermont University, Jan., 1873.—Vestry to be repaired, June, 1873. *Brewer Village.*—Mrs. Eunice L. Meservey, died Sept. 7, 1872, aged 84. A mother in Israel. Ob. Cong'l Dec. 5. *Dedham.*—John R. Chalmers, from Bangor Sem., in addition to supplying Sabbaths, lectures on Saturday evenings, in one of the School districts. *Hampden.*—Dea. Benjamin Crosby, died Jan. 3, 1873, aged 83. An example of prayerfulness, faith, humility, and liberality. He has been the main support of the church, and leaves his property, amounting to $15,000 or $20,000, for the continued support of the Gospel among them. *Holden.*—Rev. A. L. Whitman, Pastor, 1834 to '38,—resigns his charge at Tiverton, R. I., on account of his health. His son, John L. Whitman, connected with the reportorial staff of one of the Boston Dailies, died July 17, 1872, aged 27. *Kenduskeag.*—A lot has been purchased for a Parsonage. *Orono.*—Professor Levi L. Paine of the Theo. Sem., Bangor, supplied June, July, 1873.—A call has been given to Rev. Wellington R. Cross, of New Gloucester, to the Pastorate.—Rev. Josiah Fisher, first pastor, 1832-35, now residing in Scranton, Pa., supplied the Pulpit, July 20.

Rev. John R. Herrick, returned Aug. 28, 1872, after a six month's absence in Europe and the Holy Land. His collections of curiosities and specimens, were lost in a shipwrecked vessel. Dr. H. has been confined to his house from fall to summer, by sickness, and a diseased foot.—Dr. Pond closed in April, 1873, a series of sixteen articles on Theological Distinctions, published in the Ch. Mirror.—Professor Barbour supplied the Tabernacle ch., New York, during part of his vacation at the Seminary.—Rev. Wm. C. Pond, of San Francisco, presented in Bangor and elsewhere, the claims of the Pacific Theological Seminary, May—July, 1873.

A meeting in the interests of the American Missionary Association, was held in Bangor, Sept. 19, 1872. Attended by the Secretary and representatives of the Society.

A Young Men's Union Prayer Meeting was sustained in Bangor, by younger members of the Churches in the city, in the spring.—The "week of Prayer" was observed by the churches.—The Ladies of Bangor furnished lamps for the new church in Le Mars, Iowa, May, 1873.—The "Home for Aged Women" received $1100 from the proceeds of a sale, for their benefit.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Bangor, 1st ch., Sidney W. Thaxter; Bangor, Hammond st. ch., Dea. E. F. Duren; Bangor, Central ch., Henry S. Brown; Brewer, 1st ch., C. O. Farrington; Brewer Village, Daniel Sargent, 2d; Carmel, S. Chamberlain; Dedham, Benj. P. Todd; Dixmont and Plymouth, Josiah Parsons, Plymouth; Hampden, John Dudley; Holden, Reuben Freeman; Kenduskeag, O. R. Barrows; Oldtown, C. A. Bailey; Orono, Dea. Joseph Greaves; East Orrington, Warren Ware; Upper Stillwater, Oliver A. Waterhouse; Veazie, Dea. Nahum Warren.

William G. Duren, of Bangor, *Scribe of Conference;* Dea. E. F. Duren, of Bangor, *Treasurer.* Next meeting with the Hammond St. church, Bangor, Jan. 13-14, 1874.

PENOBSCOT ASSOCIATION formed at Bangor, August 8, 1832. Annual meeting on Tuesday, preceding the third Wednesday in December,—other meetings by adjournment. Rev. Joseph S. Cogswell, of Holden, *Scribe.* Met in Bangor, at Seminary Reading Room, Dec. 7, 1872, April 7, 1873, May 5, 1873.

UNION CONFERENCE—Continued from page 49.

TRUMAN S. PERRY, (Bowdoin, 1850) ordained as an Evangelist, in Sweden, June 18, 1873. Rev. Nehemiah Lincoln, of North Bridgton, *Moderator of Council;* John T. Rea, of Bridgton, *Scribe;* Ordination services-Hymn 1009, Songs for the Sanctuary-"Father of Mercies;" Reading scriptures, Rev. R. Henry Davis, of Hiram; Prayer by the Scribe; "Hymn, "Ye messengers of Christ;" Sermon, Rev. Addison Blanchard, of Cumberland Mills, John 13:15. "I have given you an example;" Ordaining prayer, Rev. Edward F. Abbott, Lovell; Charge to Pastor, Rev. Wm. Warren, of Gorham; Right hand, by the Moderator; Anthem by choir; "The Lord hath comforted his people;" Benediction, Rev. T. S. Perry.

JOHN T. REA, (Bangor Sem'y 1871) commenced his labors in Bridgton, March 2, 1873.—John W. Brownville, supplies South Bridgton, during his vacation from Bangor Sem'y.

THE NEW MEETING HOUSE IN HIRAM, was dedicated August 22, 1872; Invocation, Rev. Edward P. Eastman, of North Conway, N. H.; Anthem, "Before Jehovah's awful throne;" Reading of the scriptures by Rev. Asher Anderson, acting Pastor; Prayer, Rev. Wm. Warren, of Gorham; Sermon, Rev. Albert Cole, of Cornish, Ps. 95: 6; "O come, let us worship;" the audience, at the request of the preacher, arose as he, in their name, offered the temple to God; Rev. David B. Sewall, of Fryeburg, followed with the prayer of consecration. After a collation, an address to the Society was delivered by Rev. David B. Sewall; another on the claims of Biblical truth, by Rev. Edward P. Thwing; another on the Unity of the Church, by Rev. Edward P. Eastman. Brief remarks were added by Rev. H. G. Leavitt, Dea. T. S. Perry, of Bridgton, Elder Colby (Free Will Bap.), and Rev. Albert Cole. The cost of the building was $3,600. A debt of $300 was cancelled by subscription, and pledges, in the afternoon, after which Rev. Wm. Warren, of Gorham, led in a prayer of thanksgiving, and the people joined in singing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." The congregation was addressed on the following Sabbath, by Rev. Albert Cole.

Rev. ADDISON BLANCHARD dismissed from the Pastoral charge of church in North Bridgton, Nov. 25, 1872. Rev. W. Newell, of N. Waterford, *Moderator of Council;* Rev. N. Lincoln, of N. Bridgton, *Scribe.* Mr. A. was ordained Pastor, Sep. 9, 1868. Installed Pastor Warren church, Cumberland Mills, Dec. 10, 1872.

Rev. DAVID BRAINERD SEWALL dismissed from Fryeburg church, Apr. 30, 1873. H. Cousens, of Gorham, *Moderator of Council;* Rev. Addison Blanchard, of Cumberland Mills, Westbrook, *Scribe;*. Record of Council, Ch. Mirror, May 6, P. Enquirer, May 10. Mr. S. was installed Pastor, Dec. 8, 1859. Over 100 members were added to the church during his ministry.

Rev. WELLINGTON NEWELL, who has been Stated Supply at North Waterford, since Nov. 1870, left June, 1873, and accepts a call to East Charlemont, Mass.

Rev. Benj. F. Manwell, who was for a time in South Bridgton, was at Plattsburg, Nebraska, Aug., 1872, and at Lawler, Iowa, from Feb. 1873,—and Rev. S. G. Norcross, who supplied awhile, called to Clarendon, Vt., from Molndoe's Falls, Wis., March, 1873.

South Bridgton.—Rev. Stephen Hopkins, late of Standish, supplied for a season, Dec. 1872. Rev. H. W. S. Packard, of North Truro, Mass., Feb. 1873. *Fryeburg.*—Jotham Sewall, a son of Rev. David B. Sewall, accepts a call to Center Harbor, N. H. *Hiram.*-Rev. Horace H. Leavitt, who was Stated Supply in 1871, was ordained in Cambridgeport, Mass., June 19, 1873, as a missionary of the Am. B'd, to Japan. Reported Ch. Mirror, June 24, 1873.

Mrs. Sarah, widow of the late Rev. David Gerry, who was Pastor in Hiram and Brownfield 1839 to 1856, died in Chicago, Ill., Feb. 19, 1873, aged 73 years. *Naples.*—Nathan Church' a son of the late Rev. Nathan Church, Pastor in Bridgton, 1789 to 1836, died Jan. 27, 1873' aged 80 years. A man of an upright and public spirit; he kept a thorough temperance hotel, no bribe or temptation could swerve him from his principles. *Otisfield.*—A religious and social gathering, is called on Meeting House Hill, Aug. 20, 1873, of all who have

resided in the place. *Sweden.*—At the close of the ordination services of Rev. T. S. Perry, a generous gift of money was presented by the ladies of the church and society, to Mr. and Mrs. P. *Waterford.*—Parsonage building.

Rev. B. C. Ward at Bolster's Mills.

The Sabbath Schools of Fryeburg, Brownfield, Hiram and Baldwin, had a re-union on Sebago Lake, Aug., 1872.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Albany, Dea. J. H. Lovejoy; Bridgton, Benjamin Cleaves; Bridgton, North, Moses Gould; Bridgton, South, Dea. Henry E. Warren; Brownfield, Cyrus Wentworth; Casco, Joseph Moore; Denmark, Dea. Wm. F. Davis; Fryeburg, S. S. Barrows; Harrison, Howard L. Sampson; Hiram, Peleg Wadsworth; Lovell, Joseph T. Stearns; Naples, Dea. Wm. Chute; Otisfield, Dea. Silas Morton, East Otisfield; Stow and Chatham, A. V. Stevens; Sweden, Humphrey Saunders; Waterford, Rev. John A. Douglass; Waterford, North, Samuel H. Warren.

Rev. Nehemiah Lincoln, of North Bridgton, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.*

UNION ASSOCIATION formed in South Bridgton, Jan. 1, 1834,—meets the first Tuesday in March and September, and second Thursday in December. Rev. Andrew J. Smith, of Waterford, *Scribe.* Met in Bridgton, Sept. 3, 1872; Fryeburg, Dec. 11.—Public services;—Sermon by Rev. T. S. Perry; Addresses, Revs. D. B. Sewall, A. J. Smith, E. B. Pike, and A. Blanchard. Last meeting in Stowe, March 9, 1873.

WALDO CONFERENCE—Continued from page 50.

Sabbath School Convention at Camden, Aug. 21, 1872; Winterport and Hampden, Dec. 1872; Belfast, Feb. 20, 1873; appointed by State Sabbath School Superintendent.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Belfast, 1st ch., B. B. Field; Belfast, North, Joshua Towle, p. t.; Camden, Rev. H. A. Shorey; Frankfort, Upton Treat; Freedom, R. Elder; Jackson and Brooks, Rev. Albert N. Jones, Jackson; Rockport, N. T. Talbot; Sandy Point, J. B. French; Searsport, 1st ch., Rev. J. E. Adams; Searsport, 2d ch., J. L. Park; Unity, Ephraim Murch; Winterport, John Cambell.

Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Searsport, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.* Next meeting in Belfast, Oct. 14, 15, 1873.

WALDO ASSOCIATION, formed in Belfast, Nov. 10, 1830. Annual meeting in August. Assembles three times, in addition, during the year. Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Searsport, *Scribe.*

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE—44th Annual Meeting.—Continued from page 51.

The most of the churches of this Conference report themselves as in a prosperous condition. The large number of converts received into several of the churches the previous year, have nearly all remained true to the faith, and have given great strength to some of the smaller churches. The churches in Calais, Dennysville, Eastport, Machias, Machiasport, and Marshfield are reported as having gained in membership. The churches in East Machias, Princeton, St. Stephen, and Whitneyville, have lost in membership.

IN MEMORIAM.—The death of Rev. EDGAR L. FOSTER, Nov. 16, 1872, at St. Stephen, N. B., (noticed in the Necrology, page 29) was referred to. After appropriate introductory remarks, Rev. Wm. Carruthers, of Calais, offered the following preamble, and resolutions, which were adopted.

WHEREAS, Since the last meeting of this Conference, it has pleased God to take to the rewards of glory, our beloved brother, the late Rev. Edgar L. Foster, who for five years was pastor of the Congregational church in St. Stephen, and who, during that pastorate, rooted himself deeply in the esteem and affection of his people—by the spirit of love and fidelity in which he did his work.—and who in all his relations to this Conference, evidenced his possession of the noblest qualities of christian character, and his eminent fitness for the duties to which he had consecrated his life—commending himself to his people and to all the churches of this Conference, as a man who, in addition to his natural gifts, and the culture which came with study, gave proof of having large measures of spiritual power,—the power which comes from near and constant communion with God.

Resolved, That as a Conference we extend to the widow of our late brother an expression of our heartiest sympathy, and the assurance of our prayers, that she and her dear children may evermore be cared for by Him who is at once Husband of the widow, and Father of the fatherless.

Resolved, That the above preamble and resolution be entered upon the Minutes of the Conference, and that a copy of the same be forwarded to Mrs. Foster, by the Scribe.

The closing Sermon was preached by Rev. Jonathan G. Leavitt, of St. Stephen, N. B., Judges 7:18. The Lord's Supper, administered by Revs. George Juchau, of Robinston, and Wm. Carruthers of Calais.

Rev. THOMAS T. MERRY, installed Pastor of the Center ch., Machias, July 31, 1872. See Record in Minutes 1872, page 48. (The date there, May 31, should be July 31.)

Rev. CHARLES L. GUILD, acting Pastor at Perry, since Feb., 1871, has removed to Buckland, Mass., May, 1873.

Rev. EDWARD R. OSGOOD, acting Pastor at East Machias, Sept., 1871, leaves his charge, for the present, on account of his health, Feb., 1873. A Brother is supplying his pulpit.

Rev. WEBSTER KELLEY PIERCE, for two years acting Pastor of the church in Eastport, resigned his charge, May, 1873. Rev. ERNEST F. BORCHERS, supplies his place for a season. Mr. Pierce was ordained as an Evangelist, June 11, 1872. (See Minutes 1872, page 48.)

Calais.—The new church edifice in Calais, is to be dedicated July 30, 1873. A noble and beautiful building—costing, including a new organ. $30,000. *Cherryfield.*—The people propose building a new meeting house, Oct., 1872. *Dennysville.*—The church edifice newly painted and carpeted. *Jonesboro'* —This church, organized April 24, 1840, is by vote of Conference, dropped from the list. Its members having removed to other towns, it has become extinct. *Machias.*—The new Organ dedicated Aug. 23, 1872. Prayers and Addresses, by Revs. T. T. Merry, the Pastor, and E. R. Osgood, of East Machias.—The vestry came near being destroyed, Sept. 27, by the chandelier's falling, and the fluid in the lamp, igniting.—The substance of the Pastor's sermons, published in the local paper, Jan., 1873.—Mrs. Melinda G. Merry, wife of the Pastor, and daughter of Nathan Church, of Naples, died April 8, 1873. *Northfield.*—This church has received a silver plate communion service, from Apphia Smith, who resides in the neighboring town of Centreville, Jan., 1873. *Whiting.*—This church having received a new communion service, donated the old service, (a valuable one) to a Baptist church in a neighboring town.

Rev. Samuel D. Hosmer, formerly of Eastport, closed his pastorate of eleven years with the 2d ch., Nantucket, Mass., Nov., 1872.—Capt. Franklin Yeaton, son of the late Rev. Franklin Yeaton, formerly Pastor in Calais and St. Stephen, died in Naples, Aug. 17, 1872.

The Washington County Sabbath School Convention, in Calais, Nov. 20-21, 1872, was well attended,—interesting and profitable. S. School Convention at Lubec, Nov. 28. Union Temperance meetings at Machias, Jan., 1873.

Six hundred copies of the table and items pertaining to this Conference, in the Minutes of the General Conference for 1872, were published in a separate form, for distribution among the churches. The same plan adopted this year.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Alexander, Dea. Isaac P. Crafts; Calais, A. L. Clapp; Cherryfield, J. A. Nickels; Cooper, Asaph Sawyer; Dennysville, Dea. Peter E. Vose; Eastport, David Perkins; Machias, Daniel Longfellow; Machias, East, C. H. Seavey; Machiasport, J. F. Sanborne; Northfield, Geo. W. Smith; Pembroke, Cushing Wilder; Perry, Chas. S. Davis; Princeton, Dea. Leonard Peabody; Robbinston, Dea. Thomas Brewer; St. Stephen, N. B., S. H. Hitchings; Topsfield, Mrs. L. Crabtree; Whiting, Mrs. Cornelia A. Chase; Whitneyville, Dea. N. Bachelier.

Rev. Charles Whittier, of Dennysville, *Scribe of Conference;* Dea. Geo. A. Peabody, of Eastport, *Treasurer.*

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION.—Times of meeting, June and October. Sub-associations more frequently. Rev. Charles Whittier, of Dennysville, *Scribe.*

YORK CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, first Tuesday and Wednesday in June.—Organized in Buxton, Oct. , 1822.—Semi-annual Meeting, 2d Tuesday and Wednesday in October.

CHURCHES.—1873, May 4.—MINISTERS.				CHURCH MEM., May 4, 1873.							Admitted—1872-3—Removed.							Baptized.			
Place and Name.	*Organized.*	*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Inst.*	*or. S S.*	*MA*	*P A*	*Mle*	*Fml*	*Tot*	*Abs*	*Prf*	*Let.*	*Tot*	*Dth*	*Dis*	*Exc*	*Tot*	*Adl*	*Inf*	*SSc.*	*Cont.*
Acton	1781, Sept. 18	Wm. S. Thompson, s. s.	1860, Oct. 17	1869, Jan. 1	13	....	18	38	56	14	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	80	$33
Alfred	1791, Sept. 8	Joseph Kyte.	1862, Sept. 25	1871, Nov. 1	11	1	23	61	84	25	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	110	153
Biddeford, First	1730, Apr. 30	Henry B. Hart, s. s.	1869, Dec. 21	1873, June 1	4	....	21	47	68	14	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	4	40	40
Biddeford, Second	1805, Mar. 1	John D. Emerson.	1858, Oct. 1	1868, Mar. 5	15	5	71	196	267	13	15	1	16	3	9	0	12	11	6	325	317
Biddeford Pavilion	1857, Oct. 20	Andrew J. Rogers.	.....	1873, July 10	....	....	28	82	110	0	10	5	15	2	2	0	4	7	0	150	200
Buxton, First	1763, Mar. 6	Solomon Bixby, s. s.	1853, June 30	1872, Jan. 1	20	....	27	74	101	30	3	0	3	2	0	3	5	1	0	75	16
Buxton Center, North	1763, Mar. 6	Samuel S. Drake, s. s.	1834, Oct. 15	1872, July 1	39	....	25	36	61	8	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	40	20
Cornish Village	1840, Sept. 16	Albert Cole, s. s.	1847, Mar. 25	1858, July 4	26	....	21	45	66	15	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	42
Elliot	1721, June 22	Benj. T. Sanborn, s. s.	1864, Feb. 5	1870, July 1	9	....	19	44	63	6	8	0	8	3	0	0	3	7	0	75	40
Kennebunk, Union	1826, Aug. 15	Walter E. Darling.	1862, May 20	1866, Mar. 20	11	7	16	62	78	0	3	2	5	1	2	0	3	0	0	76	452
Kennebunkport, First	1730, Nov.	Wm. A. Merrill, s. s.	1852, Oct. 27	1871, Apr. 1	21	....	14	32	46	12	0	0	0	1	10	0	11	0	0	71	41
Kennebunkport, South	1838, Jan. 10	Reuben D. Osgood, s. s.	1871, Oct. 24	1872, Jan. 1	2	....	12	43	55	17	3	0	3	1	0	3	4	3	1	69	69
Kittery, First	1714, Nov. 4	Geo. W. Christie, s. s.	Licentiate.	1872, Nov.	....	....	10	17	27	10	2	0	2	2	1	0	3	0	0	70	0
Lebanon	1765, June 26	John Parsons.	1857, May 14	1869, Nov. 9	16	4	24	41	65	0	2	0	2	3	0	0	3	0	0	60	75
Limerick	1795, July 5	Thomas N. Lord, s. s.	1837, Aug. 10	1871, July 1	36	....	28	59	87	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	15
Limington	1789, Oct. 11	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	25	61	86	19	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	103	34
Lyman	1801, Dec. 2	Sam'l W. Pearson, s. s.	1870, Nov. 9	1873, Mar. 1	3	....	36	58	94	28	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	90	58
Newfield, West	1801, July 1	Geo. S. Kemp, s. s.	1856, Feb. 28	1864, June 26	17	....	19	35	54	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	60	35
Parsonsfield	1795, Jan. 7	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	3	6	9	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Saco, First	1762, Oct. 13	(1)Benson M. Frink.	1802, Jan. 9	1870, June 30	11	3	60	157	217	60	2	9	11	3	9	0	12	0	0	240	215
Sanford	1786, July 19	Elias Chapman, s. s.	1845, Nov. 26	1871, Nov. 1	28	....	17	32	49	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	50	25
Sanford, South	1786, July 19	Alb't H. Thompson, s. s.	Licentiate.	1873.	....	....	8	24	32	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	10
Shapleigh	1823, Oct. 23	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	2	6	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Berwick	1702, June 4	(2)Silvanus Hayward.	1861, Oct. 9	1866, May 10	12	7	29	88	117	29	3	8	11	4	1	0	5	0	0	115	688
Wells, First	1701, Oct. 23	Wm. H. Woodwell, s. s.	1873, June 12	1873, Apr. 1	....	....	37	90	127	21	0	0	0	2	7	0	9	0	0	120	156
Wells, Second	1831, Aug. 23	Benj. Southworth, s. s.	1858, Feb. 24	1870, Oct. 1	15	....	32	60	92	12	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	75	100
York, First	1673, Dec. 3	Benj. W. Pond.	1872, Jan. 21	1870, Sept. 28	11	3	18	67	85	20	0	0	0	6	1	0	7	0	0	75	300
York, Second	1732. (3)	Joseph Freeman, s. s.	1844, Mar. 10	1869, Aug. 1	29	....	13	31	44	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	45	31
Twenty-eight.		7 Pastors. 17 S. S.=24.	Av. Min'l & Past'l Age.		17	4	650	1592	2248	424	51	25	76	42	45	6	93	29	16	2339	$3168

Average as Stated Supply, three years. (1)Closed labors here, July 13, 1873—call to Beverly, Mass. (2)Dismissed April 8, 1873. (3)Records lost by fire.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Rev. Alvan Tobey, South Berwick, ordained in Durham, N. H., 1833, Nov. 20.

YORK ASSOCIATION organized in Arundel, (now Kennebunkport) Oct. 27, 1817; meets on the first Tuesday of February and May, and the last Tuesday in September; Rev. John D. Emerson, of Biddeford, *Scribe*. Met in Lyman, Sep. 24, 1872;—Preacher, Rev. J. Freeman, of York; in Buxton, Feb. 4, 1872; Preacher, Rev. Wm. A. Merrill, of Kennebunkport; in Alfred, May 6; Preacher, Rev. Soloman Bixby, of Buxton.

The ministers in South Berwick, Elliott, York and Kittery are connected with the PISCATAQUIS ASSOCIATION, formed in Kittery, Oct. 24, 1871. Annual Meeting third Tuesday in April; other meetings on the third Tuesday of July, October and January. Rev. Silvanus Hayward, of South Berwick, *Scribe*.

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EMI-ANNUAL MEETING was held in Elliot, Oct. 29, 30, 1872. Rev. John D. , of Biddeford, *Moderator*; Rev. A. J. Rogers, *Scribe*. Sermon, Rev. R. D. of Kennebunk-port,—and Rev. Henry T. Arnold, of Lyman, Isa. 25: 9. Topic l. 1. How to secure the influence of the Holy Spirit, in the family; in the church; averted men and women; in the Sabbath School. *Scribe*.

IFTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING was held with First church in York, June 10, 11, ev. J. D. Emerson, *Moderator*; Rev. Joseph Kyte, *Scribe*. Sermon by Rev. Bixby, of Buxton. Topics for remark.—1. The primal element of the religion —what is it? 2. Is the religion of Christ limited to any class or classes of peo- ign or fact. 3. Facts as to prevalence of it at present time. 4. Hindrances eral prevalence. 5. How shall non-attendants of our churches, be induced to 3. Christian duty to those who cannot be induced to attend the services of the y. 7. Methods of conveying the gospel to them. *The Sabbath School*. 1st The precise design of the Sabbath School. 2. The mutual relation of the church ath School. 3. What duty do parents and adult church members owe to the School. 4. The teacher's chief end in teaching. 5. Is the Sabbath School of ortance as to merit the time of one of the Sabbath services? 6. The accessories; School Library, &c. 7. How to make Sabbath School more interesting without g spiritual ends. Report of the churches,—Rev. Benj. W. Pond, of York. Pas- ress, Rev. Wm. A. Merrill, of Kennebunkport.

NDREW JACKSON ROGERS, (Brown 1867, Andover 1870) late of Concord, Mass., Pastor of the Pavilion church, Biddeford, July 10, 1873. Rev. Charles Tenney, er, N. H., *Moderator of Council*; Rev. Edward P. Thwing, of Portland, Public services in the evening;—Introductory by Rev. Benson M. Frink, of rmon, Prof. William M. Barbour, of Bangor Seminary,—Matt. 5: 17; Installing r the Preacher: Charge to Pastor, by the Scribe; Address to the people, by the er, (a former Pastor) Right hand of Fellowship, Rev. John D. Emerson, of the urch, Biddeford; Benediction by Pastor.
gers has supplied this church since April 14, 1872.

ILLIAM H. WOODWELL, of Newburyport, Mass., (1869, Ando- ordained as an Evangelist, in the First church, Wells, June 12, 1873. Rev. Leavitt, of Portland, *Moderator*; Chas. A. Lord, of Portland, *Scribe*; Invo- d reading Scriptures by the Moderator; Sermon, Rev. Samuel J. Spaulding, D. uryport, Mass.; Ordaining prayer, Rev. Benj. Southworth, of Wells; Charge stor, Rev. Reuben D. Osgood, Kennebunkport; Right hand of Fellowship, Rev. Folsom, Newbury, Mass.; Address to the people, Rev. Ezra Haskell. Dover, oncluding prayer, Rev. Giles Leach; Benediction, Rev. W. H. Woodwell.

AMUEL S. DRAKE, formerly of Deer Isle, commenced his labors with the North Buxton, July 1, 1872.

AMUEL PEARSON, formerly of Limington, Stated Supply in Lyman, from March

ENRY B. HART, late of Deer Isle, S. S. at Biddeford, (1st ch.) from June 1, 1873.

LVANUS HAYWARD dismissed from the Pastorate of the church in South Ber- ril 8, 1873, to take effect April 30, 1873.—(Pastor from May 10, 1866.) Rev. Geo. ding, of Dover, N. H., *Moderator of Council*; Rev. S. W. Webb, of Great H., *Scribe*.

ENSON M. FRINK, dismissed from the Pastorate of the church in Saco, June 17, ake effect July 13, 1873. (Pastor from June 30, 1870.)—Rev. Solomon Bixby, of *Moderator of Council*; Rev. John D. Emerson, of Biddeford, *Scribe*. Mr. F. Washington street church, Beverly, Mass.

OSIAH W. KINGSBURY closed his labors with the 1st church, Biddeford, Oct. 1, Minutes 1872, p. 51.) Installed Pastor at North Reading, Mass., Oct. 16, 1872. prayer by Rev. John W. Chickering, *Moderator*, formerly of Portland.

EWIS GOODRICH, resigns charge of 1st church, Wells, Oct., 1873.
ENRY T. ARNOLD closed his labors at Lyman, on the first Sabbath in Dec., 1872.

ord, (Second ch.)—The church edifice having been repaired and improved, to nt of $1800, was dedicated Jan. 1, 1873. Historical sketch by Dr. Thomas ermon by the Pastor, Rev. J. D. Emerson, "This is none other than the house Dedicatory prayer, Rev. Benson M. Frink, of Saco; Revs. Wm. A. Merrill, bunkport, A. J. Rogers, of Pavilion ch., Biddeford, and James M. Palmer, of (a former Pastor,) also took part in the services. Two hundred dollars to- expense was realized from a course of twelve lectures, under the auspices of s. The young people purchased the pulpit. One individual donated to the $500; another, $200. Considerable religious interest during the year, espe- he Sabbath School. *Pavilion ch.*—Religious interest in the spring,—12 added urch in June. A chandelier provided, the pulpit lowered, and the Organ re- a recess behind it. *Buxton.*—The centennial celebration of the settlement of

the town, observed Aug. 14, 1872. (Reported Portland Press, Aug. 15.) Rev. Paul Coffin was settled as the first minister, in 1763,—remained such until his death in 1821. Rev. Silas Moody came at the same time, as a Teacher, and was afterwards ordained as Pastor at Kennebunkport, (1771) remaining 45 years, until his death in 1816. The church organized in 1763. has now two branches, occupying different parts of the town. The church voted, Sept. 30, 1852, that each might worship separately, still retaining the same organization. The Historical discourse is to be published. *Elliot.*—Religious interest in the autumn and winter. *Kittery Point.*—A religious interest has existed, such as has not been witnessed for 40 years The church is taking fresh courage—23 added to the membership, in June, 1873. *Parsonsfield.*—T. U. P. in the Ch. Mirror, Aug. 6, '72, attributes the present feebleness of this church to an unfortunate beginning of the pastorate. Yet it has not lived in vain. It has sent forth five ministers; three ministers' wives; several deacons in other churches; an Hon. Ex. U. S. Senator, a prominent member of the church; three christian physicians; early and prominent anti-slavery men; some among the prominent educators of the land; and the most successful musical composer. *Sandford.*—This church have repaired their meeting house, remodeled the pews at an expense of $1800. The Ladies' Circle raised and expended $300. The services of re-dedication were held June 19, 1872, at 2 P. M.—Anthem; Invocation, Rev. A. H. Thompson, of S. Sandford; Reading of Scriptures, Rev. Albert Bushnell, of S. Sandford; Prayer, Rev. Joseph Kyte, of Alfred; Singing; Sermon, Rev. Albert Cole, of Cornish; Original Hymn, by Miss Abby G. Clark; Dedicatory Prayer, Rev. E. Chapman, acting Pastor; Singing; Benediction. The prospects of the church more hopeful than for many years. A gentleman of English origin, a manufacturer in the town, has rendered essential aid in the work, and pays also a liberal sum for the support of the preaching. *South Berwick.*—The church edifice to be raised 6 or 8 feet, and thoroughly repaired,—painted inside and out, and a vestry with conveniences for social gatherings. The Ladies held a Levee in Newichiwannick Hall, for aiding in the work. A paper called "The Chime," was issued for the occasion.—The Pastor, Rev. S. Hayward, delivered one of the historical addresses at the centennial celebration of the church in Gilsum, N. H. *Wells, Second ch.*—The church edifice has been repaired and altered—galleries removed, pulpit lowered, and pews remodeled, at an expense of $3775.—Dedicatory services, December 25, 1872. Sermon, by Rev. Benjamin Southworth, acting Pastor; Dedicatory Prayer, by Rev. Samuel Bowker, former acting Pastor. *York, First ch.*—Rev. Rufus M. Sawyer, acting Pastor of this ch., 1861 to 1866, died in Le Mars, Iowa, Nov. 29, 1872. (See Necrology, page 30.)

Some account of the early Churches in Maine, particularly in this County, by Rev. Benj. W. Pond, Pastor of the 1st ch., York, Nos. 1 to 5, are published in the Portland Enquirer, April 5, 12, 27, May 1 ', June 7, '73.

York County Sabbath School Convention, in Cong. ch., Alfred, Nov. 7-8, 1872. Rev. Joseph Kyte, of Alfred, President. The Fifth Annual Meeting Maine State S. S. Convention, was held in Biddoford, May 20-22, 1873. Hon. J. E. Butler, of Biddeford, President. Address of welcome, by Rev. John D. Emerson, of the 2d ch., Biddeford, followed by a discourse from Hebrews 13:7. Meeting held also in Saco, Wednesday eve. The County Convention was held in connection with the State Convention. Reported Portland Press and Lewiston Journal, May 21, 23; Mirror, May 27.

WITHOUT CHARGE. Rev. WILLIAM V. JORDAN, Saco. Ordained 1836. Sep. 12.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Acton, Rev. Wm. S. Thompson; Alfred, Thomas Rogers; Biddeford, 1st ch., John R. Staples; Biddeford, 2d ch., Dr. T. Haley; Biddeford, Pavilion ch., John H. Small; Buxton, Geo. G. Davis; Buxton Center, Rev. S. Bixby; Cornish, Rev. A. Cole; Elliot, Rev. Benj. T. Sanborn; Kennebunk, Union, Rev. Walter E. Darling; Kennebunkport, Rev. Wm. A. Merrill: Kennebunkport, South, Rev. Reuben D. Osgood; Kittery Point, Rev. S. S. Drake; Lebanon, Dea. John K. Moody, Lebanon Center; Limerick, Rev. Thomas N. Lord; Limington, Leonard J. Strout; Lyman, Dimon Roberts; Newfield, West, Rev. George S. Kemp; Parsonsfield, H. G. O. Smith; Saco, Dominicus Jordan; Sandford, Wm. L. Emery; Sandford, South, Jeremiah Moulton; Shapleigh, James Coffin, *Treas.*; South Berwick, Rev. Silvanus Hayward; Wells, 1st ch., Rev. Lewis Goodrich; Wells, 2d ch., Rev. Benj. Southworth; York, 1st ch., Rev. Benj. W. Pond; York, 2d ch., Rev. Joseph Freeman.

Rev. Andrew J. Rogers, of Biddeford, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference*; Rev. Benj. W. Pond, Wells, *Reporter*. Next semi-annual meeting in First ch., Kennebunkport, Oct, 14-15, 1873.

AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE.—Continued from page 31.

Rev. ANDREW WIREN, New Sweden, ordained Apr. 17, 1870, at Selin's Grove, Penn.

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING was held in Lincoln, June 21, 22, 1873. J. W. Caldwell, *Moderator*. Sermons by Rev. Prof. Barbour, of Bangor Seminary, Hebrews 7: 26, 27.—Revs. Daniel W. Hardy, of Presque Isle; Wm. T. Sleeper, of Caribou; and Thomas E. Brastow, of Sherman. Rev. S. P. Fay, of Penobscot Conference, was present, and took part in the discussions. He also introduced the subject,—"The work needed to be done in our feeble churches,"—with appropriate remarks. The Lord's Supper was observed. On the evening of the second day, a children's meeting was held, conducted by Rev. Wm. T. Sleeper. The Conference was most cordially received, and generously entertained by the church in Lincoln.

Rev. THOMAS E. BRASTOW, (Bangor Seminary, 1864) installed Pastor of the church in Sherman Mills, Sep. 25, 1872. Rev. Daniel W. Hardy, of Presque Isle, *Moderator of Council*; John W. Caldwell, of Sherman, *Scribe*. Opening services by Rev. John Morse, of the Methodist church, Patten; Sermon and Right hand of fellowship, Rev. Jonathan G. Leavitt, of Orono; Charge to Pastor, and closing prayer, Rev. Daniel W. Hardy, of Presque Isle; Address to people, Rev. Wm. T. Sleeper, of Caribou; Benediction, Rev. T. E. Brastow.

The same council called to install Rev. T. E. Brastow, dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. WILLIAM T. SLEEPER and the church in Sherman Mills. (Record of council, Patten Voice, Sep. 27. North Star, Oct. 2.)

The same council dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. JONATHAN G. LEAVITT, and the church in Patten and Island Falls. Mr. L. has been Stated Supply at Orono since Sep., 1871. In June, 1873, he accepted a call to St. Stephen, N. B.

Fort Fairfield.—A lot of land purchased, and a meeting house now building. $673 was pledged at meeting of general Conference in Gorham, to aid the enterprise; a bell has been donated by the church in Millbury, Mass., and a pipe organ by Col. F. Robie, of Gorham. In Oct., 1872, the Swedes residing here, assembled with this church for a religious service and the administration of the Lord's Supper. Service conducted by Rev. Andrew Wiren, of New Sweden, and Rev. W. T. Sleeper, of Caribou. Mary A., Daughter of Rev. Elbridge Knight, died in Burlington, Vt., March 18, 1873, aged 22. *Houlton.*—Joseph Kendall died in Houlton, Oct. 26, 1872; a member of the congregational church. He resided in Hodgdon many years. *Island Falls and Patten.*—M. T. Bickford, Stated Supply from March, 1873. *Sherman.*—History of this church published in North Star, Caribou, Aug. 7, 14, 8172. Notice of Caribou and Swedish Colony, in New Sweden, Ch. Mirror, Sep. 3, 1872.

Rev. Andrew Wiren, Pastor at New Sweden, continues his labors industriously; besides the duties of a pastor and teacher, he is business agent and interpreter, and accompanies the physician, invariably, in his calls, as interpreter. He acknowledges with gratitude the gift of boxes of clothing from Bangor, Brunswick, and Portland, for the relief of the Swedish Colony, during the rigorous winter.

Rev. E. B. Tuthill, who supplied Passadumkeag and Burlington in 1838-9, is in Georgetown, Colorado.

A meeting house is now being built in Medway, to cost $5000.

A religious service was commenced at Jackson Brook, Oct., 1872, at the railway station office.

In 1833 a Congregational church was formed in this County; other settlers came in, of other denominations, who must have a church of their own. The consequence was, it destroyed the prospects of the Congregational church, and neither of the others were able to sustain the ministry. A Methodist class-meeting was commenced in another town, which would have resulted in the formation of a church, were it not for the same disposition to divide into separate parties.

Anniversary of Aroostook County Bible Society in Houlton, Aug. 25, 1872, Francis Barnes, President. Addresses by Rev. W. H. Gilbert, and others. L. D. Gammon is Bible Colporteur.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Burlington, Theodore Taylor; Caribou, John Henry; Carroll and Springfield, Dea. Hiram Stevens, Carroll; Fort Fairfield, Dea. Hiram Stevens; Hodgdon and Linneus, ; Houlton, Mrs. Geo. B. Page, a. c; Island Falls, Albion Merriman; Lee, C. J. House; Lincoln, T. Fuller; Passadumkeag, E. G. Haynes; Patten, Dr. Luther Rogers; Presque Isle, C. F. A. Johnson; Sherman, P. M. Caldwell.

Rev. WILLIAM T. SLEEPER, of Caribou, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.*

SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 4, 1873.

General Conference organized in Portland, January 10, 1826.

COUNTY CONFERENCES AND DATE OF ORGANIZATION.	No. of Churches in Conferences.	Pastors.	Stated Supplies.	Licentiates.	Tot. Past., S. S., and Licentiates.	Av. Minist'l age.	Av. Pastoral age.	Av. age S. Sup.	MEMBERS, MAY 4, 1873. Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	ADMITTED. Profession.	Letter.	Total.	REMOVED. Deaths.	Dismission.	Excluded.	Total.	BAPTISMS. Adults.	Infants.	Total.	Number in Sabbath Schools.	Contributions in the Churches.
Aroostook.....1846	13	2	6	8	10	13	1	1	123	223	346	38	9	8	17	12	10	0	22	7	0	7	721	$ 158
Cumberland.....1822	41	16	14	5	30	18	7	3	1,460	3,327	4,787	989	84	88	172	97	117	3	217	37	49	86	4,993	15.995
Franklin.....1839	10	1	3	2	7	22	2	5	262	438	700	181	8	12	20	18	21	0	39	5	1	6	890	594
Hancock.....1825	13	5	7	7	15	17	13	2	276	677	953	163	11	5	16	22	11	0	33	5	5	10	1.180	1.528
Kennebec.....1823	14	3	8	4	13	15	5	4	324	927	1.251	291	42	19	61	27	31	1	59	21	5	26	1.315	2.787
Lincoln and Sagadahoc.....1825	22	9	7	4	17	16	8	3	535	1,494	2,029	427	30	16	46	40	23	2	65	15	10	25	1,898	3.052
Oxford.....1824	15	2	10	4	12	21	14	3	273	638	911	187	11	9	20	11	17	1	29	7	3	10	930	896
Penobscot.....1825	16	5	7	4	13	18	4	3	474	1,214	1,688	385	51	18	69	19	27	0	46	39	3	42	2,077	4.312
Piscataquis.....1842	10	3	4	3	8	19	10	2	242	447	689	126	28	4	32	13	10	0	23	21	10	31	715	1.028
Somerset.....1823	12	1	7	4	10	24	15	7	197	395	592	135	30	10	40	16	15	0	31	19	6	25	975	695
Union.....1836	17	2	11	6	14	12	22	1	388	726	1.114	233	22	17	39	28	12	0	40	14	10	24	1,212	1.013
Waldo.....1848	12	3	5	6	9	9	4	1	215	561	776	123	42	3	45	15	12	0	27	33	1	34	873	1 131
Washington.....1829	19	2	11	9	15	13	7	2	383	889	1.272	169	24	11	35	16	11	0	27	7	0	7	1,735	2.402
York.....1822	28	7	17	2	24	17	4	3	656	1,592	2.248	424	51	25	76	42	45	6	93	29	16	45	2.339	3.168
Fourteen.	242	61	119	70	197				5,008	13,548	19,356	3,869	443	245	688	376	362	13	751	259	119	378	21,843	$38.469

Adding thirty-eight ordained ministers without pastoral charge, not in the TABLES, and deducting four who were stated supply in more than one Conference, the whole number of ministers is one hundred and sixty-seven. Number of licentiates, seventy. Pastors dismissed, ten. Pastors installed, six. Pastors ordained, four. Evangelists ordained, six. Ministers deceased, one; Licentiate, one; Ministers formerly residing in the State, deceased, five.

Average ministerial age of all ordained ministers in the State, thirteen years: of the thirty-eight who have no pastoral charge, twenty-five years. Average time of settlement of sixty-one over the churches of which they are now pastors, seven years. Average time of settlement of one hundred and nineteen stated supplies, 2 1-25 years; sixty-seven of these are ordained ministers—average time of whose service to these churches, is four years. Average time to each Conference may be seen in the above table.

The number received by profession and letter, 688. Removed by death, dismission, and exclusion, 751. Removals above dismissions, 62. Baptisms, 378. Contributions, $38,469,—including legacies, $40,000. Total membership, 19, 356. Non-residents, 2,859. Number in Sabbath Schools, 21,843.—Decrease from last year, 666.—For number of churches, see page 61.

Decrease of total membership from last year, 106. Decrease in nine Conferences,—viz: Aroostook, 5; Cumberland, 38; Franklin, 19; Hancock. 53; Lincoln and Sagadahoc, 26; Oxford, 15; Union, 44; Washington, 10; York, 56; Total, 266.—Increase in five Conferences, viz:—Kennebec, 4; Penobscot, 100; Piscataquis, 15; Somerset, 7; Waldo, 25;—Total, 160.

While the total membership of the churches shows a decrease of 106, the actual removals, above the additions, were 62. The discrepance is owing to some error in the total number of members returned by the churches. It is important that the Scribes of churches should see that their returns agree with the previous year,—adding the receptions, and deducting the removals for the year, for which they report. Non-resident members should be included in the total number of members belonging to the church.

Of the contributions, $15,000 was for Home Missions; $500, Am. Home Miss. Soc.; $20,000, for Foreign Missions,—of which $700 for Mission Schools; $1,700 for Woman's Board; $200 for Mexico, Europe, &c.; $2,000 for American Missionary Association; $1,500 Am. Bible Society; $700 Am. Education Society; $250 Am. Tract Society; $500 Seamen; $500 Am. Colonization Society; $450 Am. Congregational Association; $250 Am. Cong'l Union.

MINISTERS INSTALLED AS PASTORS DURING THE YEAR ENDING MAY 4, 1873.

Leonard Z. Ferris	Gorham	June 13, 1872	Minutes, 1872, p.	30
Thomas T. Merry	Machias	July 31, 1872	Minutes, 1872, p.	48
Thomas E. Brastow	Sherman Mills	Sep. 25, 1872	Minutes, 1873, p.	59
William F. Obear	2d church, Newcastle	Oct. 23, 1872	Minutes, 1873, p.	43
Andrew J. McLeod	1st church, Waldoboro	Nov. 8, 1872	Minutes, 1873, p.	43
Addison Blanchard	Warren church, Westbrook	Dec. 10, 1872	Minutes, 1873, p.	34

MINISTERS ORDAINED—YEAR ENDING MAY 4, 1873.

Nehemiah Lincoln	Pastor, N. Bridgton & Harrison	May 15, 1872	Minutes, 1872, p.	44
William H. Bolster	Pastor, Wiscasset	June 11, 1872	Minutes, 1872, p.	36
Webster K. Pierce	Evangelist, Machias	June 11, 1872	Minutes, 1872, p.	48
Ezra N. Smith	Evangelist, Solon	June 12, 1872	Minutes, 1872, p.	43
Henry M. Perkins	Pastor, Mt. Desert & Tremont	Aug. 14, 1872	Minutes, 1873, p.	41
George J. Pierce	Evangelist, West ch. Portland	Aug. 28, 1872	Minutes, 1873, p.	33
James H. Ecob	Pastor, South ch. Augusta	Oct. 2, 1872	Minutes, 1873, p.	42
R. Henry Davis	Evangelist, Hiram	Nov. 12, 1872	Minutes, 1873, p.	49
George W. Kelley	Evangelist, Norway, 2d church	Dec. 18, 1872	Minutes, 1873, p.	45
George W. Barber	Evangelist, Hallowell	Feb. 25, 1873	Minutes, 1873, p.	42

PASTORS DISMISSED—YEAR ENDING MAY 4, 1873.

James Wells	Dedham	June 17, 1872	Minutes, 1872, p.	41
Horace Toothaker	New Sharon	Sep. 3, 1872	Minutes, 1873, p.	37
J. Greenleaf Leavitt	Patten and Island Falls	Sep. 25, 1872	Minutes, 1873, p.	59
William T. Sleeper	Sherman Mills	Sep. 25, 1872	Minutes, 1873, p.	59
Charles Packard	1st church, Waldoboro	Nov. 8, 1872	Minutes, 1873, p.	43
Addison Blanchard	North Bridgton	Nov. 25, 1872	Minutes, 1873, p.	53
Francis F. Ford	Pine st. church, Lewiston	Nov. 25, 1872	Minutes, 1873, p.	34
Edwin S. Beard	2d church, Warren	Apr. 5, 1873	Minutes, 1873, p.	43
Silvanus Hayward	South Berwick	Apr. 20, 1873	Minutes, 1873, p.	57
David B. Sewall	Fryeburg	Apr. 30, 1873	Minutes, 1873, p.	53
Joseph S. Cogswell	Holden	May 1, 1873	Minutes, 1873, p.	52

MINISTERS RESIGNED, OR ASKED DISMISSION—AUGUST, 1872, TO JULY, 1873.

Samuel Hopkins	Standish	June, 1872	Minutes, p.	34
Jeremiah E. Fullerton	Warren church, Westbrook	August, 1872	Minutes, p.	34
R. Henry Davis	Belfast	September, 1872	Minutes, p.	50
Amos Redlon	Dexter	September, 1872	Minutes, p.	47
Edward A. Ford	Greenville	October, 1872	Minutes, p.	47
Lewis Goodrich	1st ch., Wells	October, 1872	Minutes, p.	57
John W. Kingsbury	1st church, Biddeford	October, 1872	Minutes, p.	57
William H. Rand	Oldtown	November, 1872	Minutes, p.	52
Henry T. Arnold	Lyman	December, 1872	Minutes, p.	57
Clarendon A. Stone	Brewer Village	December, 1872	Minutes, p.	52
Jonathan G. Leavitt	Orono	March, 1873	Minutes, p.	52
Herbert H. Howes	Sandy P't & 1st ch., Searsport	April, 1873	Minutes, p.	50
Ezra B. Pike	Stowe and Chatham	April, 1873	Minutes, p.	43
Charles L. Guild	Perry	May, 1873	Minutes, p.	55
Webster K. Pierce	Eastport	May, 1873	Minutes, p.	55
Harrison A. Shorey	Camden	May, 1873	Minutes, p.	50
Wellington Newell	North Waterford	June, 1873	Minutes, p.	53
Wellington R. Cross	New Gloucester	July, 1873	Minutes, p.	52
Sewall Tenney	Ellsworth	July, 1873	Minutes, p.	38

The number of churches in the Conference is the same as last year.—842. Two are reported extinct.—*Jonesboro*, Washington Conference, formed April 24, 1840, (page 55,) and *Windsor*, Kennebec Conference, formed August, 1820, (page 42). Two are added,—*Deering* and *Portland*, Williston ch., Cumberland Conference; the first organized Sept. 4, 1872, and the second, Feb. 5, 1873. (Minutes p. 34).

LICENTIATES,

With their field of labor, and reference to the page of the Conference in which they were located.

A. H. Adams.....Cooper....51
Ezra Andrews.....Burlington....31

John C. Beale.....Washington....40
Robert C. Bedford.....Dixfield....45
Geo. W. Benjamin.....Mt. Desert....38
Aaron W. Benson.....New Vineyard....37
M. F. Bickford...Island Falls & Patten....31
John J. Blair.....Princeton & Auburn.51, 35
Frank L. Bristol.....Phipsburg....40
H. T. Broadwell.....Durham....32
John W. Brownville...North Bridgton....49
E. J. Burgess.....Isle au Haut....38
Richard M. Burgess.....Topsfield....41
Albert Bushnell.....South Sandford....58
R. S. Butler.....Washington....49
B. P. Butler.....Frankfort....50

John R. Chalmers.....Dedham....46
Truman D. Childs.....Monmouth....39
Geo. W. Christie.....Kittery....56
H. P. Craig.....Bingham....48
C. D. Crane.....Benton & Clinton....39
James H. Crosby.....Lincoln....31
S. H. Curtis.....East Madison....48
Zenas Crowell.....Northfield....51

Charles Davidson.....Greenville....47
Thomas M. Davies.....Mechanic Falls....32

H. W. Eldridge..Sedgw'k&Brooksville....38
Frederic E. Emerick.....Turner....45
John G. Evans.....Medway....31

A. G. Fitz.....North Belfast....50
Edward A. Ford.....Bangor....46
John K. Fowler.....Rockport....50
J. A. Freeman.....Steuben....51

B. F. Grant..Passadumk'g&Greenville.31, 47

Daniel W. Hardy.....Presque Isle....31
Chas. E. Harrington...Brewer Village....46
Charles W. Hill.....Monmouth....39
James L. Hill.....Andover....46
George Hindley.....Bremen....46
D. S. Holbrook.....Jonesport....51

Joel S. Ives.....Orland....38

Richard W. Jenkins.....Oldtown....46

Lucius O. Lee.....Pittston....39
William J. Leggett.....Marshfield....51
Herbert A. Loring.....Otisfield....49

Benjamin B. Merrill....East Orrington....46
John N. McLoney.....West Trenton....39
Alfred H. Moment.....Freedom....39

William Peacock.....Carroll....32
Howard W. Pope.....1st ch. Norway....46

John T. Rea.....Bridgton....49
Thomas H. Rich (resident)..Lewiston....32
S. H. Robinson.....Standish....39

William M. Salter.....Somesville....39
Charles N. Sinnott.....Bailey's Island....39
John E. Smith.....Albany....49
Richard B. Snell.....Frankfort....39
G. H. Spear.....Dexter....47
Richard S. Stanley(resident).Lewiston.32,39
M. D. Stone.....Casco....49

Albert H. Thompson..South Sandford....39
Arthur H. Tibbetts.....Bluehill....39
L. B. Tuckerman.....Moose River....49

J. W. Whitcomb.....Kingman....31
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Twenty-five of the above are from the Bangor Theological Seminary; others from Union, Yale, Princeton, Andover and Hartford.

BIBLE SOCIETIES IN MAINE.

BIBLE SOCIETIES.	PLACE OF DEPOSITORY.	BY WHOM KEPT.
Androscoggin County	Lewiston	M. French.
Aroostook County	Houlton	John McMasters.
Bangor Young Men's	Bangor	E. F. Duren.
Brunswick	Brunswick	Jordan Snow.
Bucksport, union	Bucksport	Edward Swasey.
Castine, &c., union	Castine	Samuel Adams.
Cumberland County	Portland	Bailey & Noyes.
Deer Isle	Deer Isle	H. R. Haskell.
Eastern Maine Association	Bluehill	Mrs. Thomas.
Franklin County	Farmington	Charles A. Allen.
Hancock and Union River	Ellsworth	J. W. Jones
Kennebec County	Augusta	David Cargill.
Lincoln County	Bath	A. C. Palmer.
Oxford Conference	South Paris	H. N. Bolster.
Piscataquis County	Dover	M. W. Hall.
Saco	Saco	C. O. Gerrish.
Somerset County	Skowhegan	A. R. Bixby.
Union Conference	Bridgton	B. C. Storer.
Waldo County	Belfast	H. G. Washburn.
Warren	Warren	I. P. Starrett.
Washington County	Dennysville	Wm. Allen.
York County	Alfred	William G. Conant.

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REPORTS.

BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Incorporated February 25, 1814.

REPORT OF VISITING COMMITTEE.

eems hardly necessary to repeat from year to year what is already well known; rill the professors require from us an annual encomium upon their eminent ications. Suffice it to say, that the Seminary has been deprived of the labors e Professor of Christian Theology, for most of the year, in consequence of il and protracted illness; and though he was able to be present a portion of me, he took no part in the examination. His duties devolved on Professors and Barbour. Prof. Talcott's examination in Sacred Literature was with his thoroughness and accuracy. With regard to Prof. Paine's examination in siastical History, the only *painful* thing about it was, it was too protracted, ring as it did the examination in Christian Theology. The Fogg professor of d Rhetoric, in his examinations in Theology and homilitics, was anything *oggy*. And we would emphatically say with regard to this professorship, as aid years ago on the accession of a new incumbent to the presidency of Har- —*recessit sol, sed non successit nox.*

e students, twenty-eight in number, exhibited about the usual variety of tal- and it was pleasant to have the testimony of their teachers as to their punc- y and diligence. Three of the senior class did not graduate, choosing to con- their studies, and graduate next year. In this they have probably decided y, as most of them have not enjoyed the previous training of the college. We received gratifying testimony as to the spiritual condition of the Seminary.

e Report of the Treasurer and General Agent, Rev. Richard Woodhull, was ved in sadness, informing us as it did that our venerated friend and brother is ring under an incurable malady, and waiting with what patience God may give amid his sufferings for his final release from the toils and pains of earth. He endered his resignation. That he has been a faithful steward is evident from act, that during the ten and a half years that he has held the office, the invest- s of the institution have increased from forty-four to one hundred and eighty- housand dollars. The funds, therefore, are in a very satisfactory state, though intimated that some fifty thousand more would be made useful, in equalizing amount invested for the several professorships, and other purposes. The finan- concerns of the institution have become so simplified, that the office of General nt, which has been associated with that of the Treasurer, will not be needed.

here has been one heavy expenditure of an extra character during the year,

rendered necessary by the encroachment of the street commissioners upon the premises, requiring the removal of the large double tenement occupied by Professors Pond and Barbour. The removal, the construction of a new foundation, the repairs that it was thought judicious to make in connexion with the removal, and the rebuilding of the back portion of it, required an expenditure of over eight thousand dollars. But the convenience and value of the building are greatly increased, and it is good for forty years to come.

But some are troubled at the small number of students; and are inclined to think, perhaps, that there is a want of attractive power in the institution. But let us look at this matter. Of twenty-eight members of the institution, about one-half are from other, and some from distant States. Of thirty-one, two years since, seventeen were from other States. It usually requires something attractive to draw young men away so far from home. But again—just one from Maine entered our seminary during the year past, and not one from our State entered any other of our seminaries. There are but two from Maine, according to the statement in the Congregational Quarterly for April, in all the other Congregational seminaries in the country. Now, then, look at the matter and judge. How can this institution attract, when there is nothing to be attracted? In complaining that the rooms of our seminary are not filled, we but imitate the task masters of Egypt, who required of the Israelites the regular tale of bricks, without furnishing the requisite material. But the question comes with tremendous force to the churches and ministry of Maine, why is there such a scarcity of material? Why are the portions of God's heritage that we cultivate so unproductive? WHY—and echo answers—WHY? The trustees have done their duty by committing the institution to competent and faithful hands. The Professors are ready to do theirs. Now let the ministers and churches do theirs; and with the blessing of God we may hope there may be no want of those, qualified by nature and grace, who shall "willingly offer themselves."

We suppose it to be the province, as certainly it ought to be, of the Visiting Committee, to offer any suggestions which they may think the occasion demands. We will, therefore, very briefly allude to two things, which we think demand the serious consideration of the Teachers of our Seminary.

The first is, we want them to aim to train up a class of ministers, especially adapted to the circumstances and wants of the churches in Maine. This was the leading idea of those holy men, by whose toils, and in answer to whose prayers, the foundations of this institution were laid. And the first and the grand requisite we ask for is, that tone of piety that will lead the young man in sober earnest to inquire, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? Not only, what wilt thou have me to do?—but where shall I do it? Where shall I go?—and where shall I stay?

We have been glancing over the statistics of the last ten years, and we find some facts that ought to affect our hearts. In the statistics published in the Quarterly for 1863, the number of churches reported is 245. In 1873, 239—a diminution of 7. Ministers for the same years, including pastors and stated supplies, 176 in 1863; 139 in 1873. The average number of church members during those years is 19,310. The number for the last year reported is 177 below the average. And then again—of the 19,310 members reported in the Quarterly for the present year, 2643 are

reported as absentees, reducing the number of actual resident members to 15,643.

Brethren, if the eloquence of facts does not rouse you, we are conscious that there is no other at our command that will do it. You see that our churches are dying out faster than new ones are organized. And our strong city and village churches have a deeper interest in this matter than they are aware of. If they will count over their members and see where they came from, they will find that a large proportion of the best of them have come from churches in the rural districts; for the country air is favorable to spiritual as well as physical health. But if these churches become extinct, this source of recruits will fail, and the loss will soon be felt. Our beloved brethren of the seminary then may clearly see what we want of them; to raise up ministers who do not regard hardness and self-denial as obsolete terms; who are willing to go where they are needed, even if they do not feel perfectly sure of the thousand dollar salary and a parsonage; and who can believe what God said through his servant: Trust in the Lord and do good; so shalt Thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. One thing is certain: our feeble churches must be attended to, and men must be found to do it; or we must surrender the territory to some denomination that have more of the spirit of Christ than we have, and are more willing to practice christian self-denial. And when the members suffer, the whole body will suffer with them. Our more prosperous churches cannot hope for continual prosperity, while they neglect their duty to their weaker brethren. We often wonder that the ambition of our younger brethren does not lead them in a different direction; that instead of seeking for a chance to enter into other men's labors, they do not prefer to go boldly to the front and confront the enemy in his strongholds, and make tracks of their own instead of treading in those of other people.

Men of ordinary qualifications will not answer for this service. When Asa Burton, the veteran theologian of Vermont, was invited to go to Thetford, he says: "They appeared to me to be very litigious, quarrelsome, intemperate, immoral, clownish and vulgar. I felt as though I would not live among a people so degraded." Only three or four gave evidence of piety in a church of sixteen. But he went, and he stayed; and when he preached his half-century sermon, he had the pleasure of looking round on one of the most intelligent communities, and one of the most substantial churches to be found in the noble State of Vermont. How much nobler an achievement and how brighter will it shine in the records of heaven, than if he had merely held his own in some old city or village church.

We have no doubt that generally there is more real enjoyment—such enjoyment as the true minister of Christ will most highly appreciate, from labors among the feeble in our land, than in labors among those who are pampered by wealth, where one must humor the whims of the petty aristocracy that is sure to grow up in every young city;—an aristocracy, by the way, that may appropriately join in singing:

> Backward with humble shame we look
> On our original.

With two or three missionary churches under his care, the unsophisticated good sense that he ever encounters, the gushing cordiality that every where greets him,

are a perpetual cordial to his heart. His missionary rides will keep him in health, so that he will not need a vacation, much less a voyage to Europe. And even if the salary should sometimes fail, the grand Treasurer above will note it in his book, and it is safe there; and it will be forthcoming just at the right time, and in ways more comforting to the heart of the recipient than if it had come from the strong box of an earthly Treasurer. We speak of what we know, and testify of that which we have *felt*.

The second thing that we would suggest, and indeed urge, were it necessary, though we do not think it is, upon our brethren of the Seminary, is that every one that goes forth from under their instruction, should be thoroughly and *systematically* instructed in the great fundamental truths of the gospel And this, not that he may read a theological lecture to his people every Sabbath, or on any Sabbath, but that he may be prepared to exhibit any part of truth understandingly. After all the senseless prating about dogmas, and sneering at creeds and bodies of Divinity by those who would be teachers, while they need that one declare unto them what be the first principles of the oracles of God; we insist that a man is not rightly qualified to preach any part of truth understandingly who has not a well digested system of truth in his own mind. He is not a complete christian man, nor will there be a firm and consistent christian character without a well systematized understanding of the Gospel, any more than there can be a complete man physically while some of the bodily functions are wanting. Besides, we want those who go from our Seminary to be prepared to contend earnestly for the faith delivered to the saints, when occasion may arise, and we are seriously apprehensive that the occasion may not be far distant. Developments of a painful character have been opening upon us with startling frequency. There are strange and unwonted combinations in the religious world; things are brought into close proximity, which legitimately should be widely dissevered. Never before were there more liberal acts, never before such frequent and stupendous scandals. But it is the introduction of theological novelties that is most alarming in its aspect, for it is sapping the very foundation of Zion's prosperity. *The world moves*, is an expression we often hear of late; and that is well if it is moving in a right direction, but we must not forget that its natural tendency is to move in a *wrong* direction. When the train has leaped from the track, and is plunging onward, no one knows whither, it will afford little consolation to the inmates to be able to sit prim upright and say, well, *the train moves*. Yes, it moves with a vengeance. And thus it will be with the car of Zion, a terrible wreck, unless it moves in strict conformity with the will of the great Conductor above. But when it has come to this, that the pulpit, which for a quarter of a century, has made the doctrines that our fathers loved the butt of its ridicule, in its Sabbath entertainments begins to send forth utterances totally subversive of the Gospel's influence; and when there can be found in the heart of New England a Congregational Council, who will, by ordination, or installation, recognise a man of similar utterances as a true minister of Christ, worthy of the confidence of the churches, the very trees of the forest, and the stones in the street would cry out against us, if we did not sound an alarm.

When in 1815 the mask was torn from the heresy that had privily been brought , and deeply contaminated the churches of New England, the friends of truth, in ong force, rallied to its defence. The battle was nobly fought, and it was impor- ıt and happy in its results, leading to a rightful discrimination between truth and ror. There are indications now of a new, a more insidious, and we fear a more de spread defection from the truth. If any deny the existence of such indica- ns, we shall not argue the point. We would as soon undertake an argument to ove that the sun shines in a cloudless day. Of that former conflict, our vener- le senior Professor may say, *Omnia quæque vidi, quorumque magna pars fui.* ank Heaven, he still lives, his natural force *not much* abated. We hope he will ain bare his breast to the conflict, and we will promise that when he throws his apon it shall not result like old Priam's *imbecilli ictu.*

To conclude, we hope the churches and ministry of Maine are not as yet deeply ctured by these deteriorating influences. But should the time come, when our ological atmosphere shall become murky and dense with the mists of heresy, ay our honored and cherished institution, like the purifying, health bearing thun- r cloud, furnish in ample abundance that "*slant lightning,*" which a writer some ars since designated as characteristic of the article furnished by the BANGOR MINARY.

THOMAS ADAMS, *Chairman.*

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[1] Since resigned.

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Term commences Sept. 18, 1873,—twelve weeks from the Anniversary,—which is held on the Thursday following the first Wednesday in June. Examination of classes, and Society addresses, on Tuesday and Wednesday previous.

FIFTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE SEMINARY....1873.

Tuesday, June 3.—Examination at the chapel of the Seminary, in the forenoon, of the Junior Class, in the Original Scriptures;—and in the afternoon, of the Senior class in Homiletics and Church History.

Evening.—Anniversary of the SOCIETY OF INQUIRY, at First Parish Church. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. T. G. Mitchell, of Madison. Address by Rev. William C. Pond, (Alumnus '52) of San Francisco, California.—Theme,—"The discipline of active service in the preparation of the ministry."

Wednesday, A. M., June 4.—Examination of the Middle class in Theology.

Afternoon.—The Annual Meeting of the ALUMNI, in Hammond Street Church. The President, Rev. Peter B. Thayer, of Garland, in the chair. After the reading of the Scriptures and Prayer by Rev. William Carruthers, of Calais, the Minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary, Rev. J. G. Leavitt, of St. Stephen, N. B.—and a committee appointed to nominate officers.

Reference was made to members who have died during the year:—Rev. Luman Wilcox, (1822) in Brenton, Illinois, Jan. 11, 1872, æt. 76. Rev. Forrest Jefferds, (1835) in South Boston, June 20, 1873, æt. 78. Rev. Rufus Norris Sawyer, (1851) in Le Mars, Iowa, Aug. 21, 1872, æt. 52. Rev. Edgar Lowell Foster, (1867) in St. Stephen, N. B., Nov. 16, 1872, æt. 34. (See Necrology, pps. 29-30.)

The topic for discussion, "Tests of church membership and communion," was opened by Rev. Benjamin Tappan, of Norridgewock, who was followed by Drs. Pond and Thurston, Rev. Messrs. Wm. C. Pond, James M. Palmer, of Portland, James Cameron of Waterville, Thomas Adams, of Winslow, and others.

Officers.—Rev. P. B. Thayer, President; Rev. J. Evarts Pond, of Hampden, Secretary and Treasurer; Revs. J. W. H. Baker, of Brewer, J. E. Pond, of Hampden, and Geo. W. Field, of Bangor, Committee of Arrangements for next anniversary.

Evening.—Anniversary of the RHETORICAL SOCIETY, and exercises of the GRADUATING CLASS, in the Central Church.

Prayer, by Dr. Pond.—Trio by the choir,—"O Father."

Addresses by members of the Junior and Middle classes—Lewis D. Evans, of Summit Hill, Pa.; Herbert A. Loring, of East Sumner; John R. Chalmers, of Wells River, Vt., and Thomas Kinney, of Milo.

Quartette by the choir,—"How sweet the name of Jesus sounds."

Addresses by members of the Graduating class. Dante,—Ezra Andrews, of Detroit; Earnestness,—John W. Brownville, of So. Boston, Mass.; The object of preaching,—W. N. T. Dean, of Fall River, Mass.; Protestantism,—Wm. E. Spear, of Rockland.

Quartette by choir,—"O, for the wings of a Dove."

Address to the class, by Professor Daniel S. Talcott, on their specific work,—what to aim at.

Diplomas presented by the President of the Faculty.

Prayer and Benediction by Rev. John H. Gurney, of Foxcroft.

The following is the revised course of study, adopted by the Faculty, and approved by the Trustees.

JUNIOR YEAR.—Hebrew Grammar, Principles of Interpretation, Exegesis of the Hebrew and Greek Scriptures (Prof. Talcott). Sacred Rhetoric, Lectures on English Style (Prof. Barbour).

MIDDLE YEAR.—Theology (Prof. Barbour). Ancient Church History (Prof. Paine). Exegetical Studies continued (Prof. Talcott).

SENIOR YEAR.—Mediæval and Modern Church History (Prof. Paine). Homiletics (Prof. Barbour). Pastoral Duties, Church Polity (Pres. Pond). Exegetical Studies continued (Prof. Talcott).

OPTIONAL STUDY.—A class will be formed of such as may desire to pursue the grammatical study of New Testament Greek beyond the regular course (Prof. Paine).

ELOCUTION.—A special course of instruction is annually given.

PUBLIC SPEAKING.—There will be a fortnightly exercise in extemporaneous discussion, under the direction of the Faculty, at which all the students are expected to be present.

ADMISSION.—All desiring admission to the Seminary (except College Graduates), must be approved by the Examining Committee of the Faculty.*

RECESS.—There will be a recess of ten days, including the first and second Sabbaths of February.

Professor Herrick returned from Europe and the Holy Land, Aug. 18, 1872. During the winter and spring, he was laid aside from his duties, by a disease of the bones of the right foot,—and has resigned his position as Professor of Christian Theology.

Rev. Richard Woodhull, on account of ill health, has resigned as Treasurer and General Agent, to which office he was elected in 1862.

Professor Taylor gave a course of Lectures on Elocution, in the Spring.

THE CLASSICAL SCHOOL.

Although the Classical School, like our higher institutions, the College and Seminary, has by virtue of its charter passed into the hands of a Board of Trustees, yet standing as it does in such close relations with them, and supplying a great and ever growing need of the denomination, it can never cease to be a matter of paramount importance to this Conference; it must even remain one of its chief and vital interests.

In reporting it, to-day, we are glad to be able to say that what was so long felt to be, and so strongly urged upon this Conference two years ago as a great desideratum, has now become a fixed and permanent fact. The sum of $50,000, required as a preliminary foundation to start upon, was secured in September last, and since that time the amount has been increased by additional subscriptions, and by the considerable rise in the value of the real estate which fortunately came into our possession by gift and purchase, so that the actual value of the property of the school to-day, is considerably more than the above mentioned sum. It can be regarded only as a special Providence, that brought into our possessions a large and valuable estate at a price far below its real value, and affording one of the most

* Those whose age or circumstances forbid the pursuit of the complete course of study, at the discretion of the Faculty, are admitted to the studies of the Middle year, and continue their course with the full privileges of the Seminary.

desirable and beautiful situations for a public institution that can be found in New England. From buildings alone on the property, we have realized the full cost of the whole; and the land, consisting of eleven acres, is worth in the market at present, more than the buildings. In speaking of the convenience, the healthfulness and the beauty of this location, all who have had opportunity to observe its natural features, and examine its admirable sites for buildings, and from its highest elevation "viewed the landscape o'er," have expressed the same unqualified admiration and hearty approval of the selection.

On this lot there is now in process of erection, a building designed both for school and boarding purposes, which, though not so costly as some others, will be, when finished, one of the most substantial and elegant edifices in the State. On another lot conveniently situated, is being built a large boarding house, with accommodations for some forty boarders, or many of the rooms are convenient for renting to the poorer class of students who wish to lessen their expenses by boarding themselves. These buildings with the Hallowell Academy, will furnish ample facilities both of boarding and recitation, for a large and flourishing school; and it is expected that all will be completed and ready for occupation at or near the first of September,—though we cannot speak just now with absolute certainty on this point.

For the successful prosecution of the purposes of the school and fulfillment of our aims there will be needed three superior teachers, viz.: a Principal who will have special charge of the classical department, an associate Principal over the Scientific department, and a lady Principal over the Girls' School. As to the resources for carrying on the school, it is hoped that there will be a permanent annual income of say $2000 per annum, and for the rest we shall for the present have to depend upon the tuition.

In answer to many inquiries, I will say furthermore, that in no respect that I am aware of, has the original plan and aim of the Conference in establishing this school been departed from, or modified—To found first of all a Classical School of the highest order, as a feeder for the College and Seminary, and which shall be for Maine, what the Exeter and Andover schools are for their respective States—a school where, at the same time a most thorough education could be obtained in the Sciences and English studies which properly belong to the Academical course—a school where in accordance with the prevailing sentiment and most enlightened views of the times, the two sexes should be educated together and enjoy precisely similar advantages—a school in which the poor and the rich should have an equal chance—and most of all a school which should first and last be stamped with a positive christian character, and constantly pervaded by an earnest christian spirit.

Complaints have been made and criticisms indulged in, that the enterprise has not gone forward more rapidly. All we have to say as to this is,—better that it should go on slowly than not at all—and if the truth of the old adage is verified, "Slow and sure," we can afford to wait. If the friends of the enterprise want things to move faster, let them furnish the means faster. It is as hard now as ever to make bricks without straw. We confess to a disappointment here ourselves,

we consider the great importance, not to say vital necessity of this school future of our denomination in this State, and that it has again and again eartily endorsed in this Conference, and above all that when the project two ıgo, was launched, so to speak, the Conference solemnly pledged its money prayers to its support—we are almost ashamed to publish the statement of ıtle our churches have done for it in *money*. That they have given it their s cannot be doubted, for its gifts of the other kind have not been pitifully ɔ. Still it has prospered and will prosper. God's hand is in it. Few if our best schools can show in their incipient stages, a more successful or ɔrogress. A good deal of property has been accumulated, a strong founda- ıs been laid; it has many warm friends who will still stand by it and hold it ı carry it forward. Indeed, it has already begun to bear its fruits. This ıe school will send two fine students to Bowdoin College, there are two fit- the next class, and more behind. And we have firmer faith than ever, that ne good Providence that has so signally helped it through the trials of its r, will still be with it and carry it onward to perfection.

ı it is evident that the goal for which we have been so long striving is now our reach. Here is a foundation laid broad and deep, on which we may ın institution, which shall be a source of honor and strength to our denomi- , and an inestimable benefit to our State,—and one around which we may with confidence and affection and hope—a school which shall offer attrac- nd advantages for the education of our sons and daughters, equal to the est.

the question now is, will our churches even now adopt and foster their own rhich has grown thus far in spite of their indifference and neglect—and will till under somebody's patronge, for it is God's work and it must succeed. ıall need soon a large building for school purposes alone. Its immediate are a beneficiary fund, from which the expenses of the poor students may be ıed, or rather, we should say, by which its advantages may be brought with- reach of all who covet them. Then again we have built strong and well as we have gone, which has drawn largely upon our funds. Hence we shall be ıly partially to furnish the building for occupation from its present resources. ɔme plan could be inaugurated, by which the churches could be united in a ɔn effort to provide the necessary furniture and so relieve the school fund of ırden, it would be a good thing. A number of churches have already ex- d their willingness to unite in such a movement, and if it could in any way de general, two important objects would be thereby accomplished,—it would se the resources of our school, and at the same time create a greater interest mong the churches than anything that has yet been done.

ust not omit to say that a few churches and some individuals, both ministers ymen, have helped generously in this enterprise, and many more have prom- enerously, and done nothing. Will the Conference yet redeem its pledge, ve something more than good words, and raise up the school to the desired ırd, and so supply our greatest present need. For it is very certain that ıt students, neither our College nor Seminary can greatly prosper.

H. F. HARDING, *Secy.*

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Junior Class		54
Sophomore Class		54
Freshman Class		94
	Total	270

Fall Term commences Thursday, Aug. 28, 1873. Commencement Day, Thursday, July 11, 1874.

The Reading Room is fully furnished with newspapers and magazines; and it is now a first-class Reading Room.

The "Praying Circle" of the College was instituted July 22, 1815, and meets Sabbath morning, and Wednesday noon. These meetings are open to all who desire to attend. The object of this association is "the religious edification of its members, the promotion of vital godliness in the College, and prayer for the universal spread of the gospel."

BACCALAUREATE SERMON, *Sabbath afternoon, July 6, 1873,* by EX-President, SAM-

UEL HARRIS, D. D., LL. D. Text—Matt. 7: 22-23;—"The light of the body is the eye," &c. Theme.—Education, the coming at truth,—making a *man*,—and a power for good.

Monday evening, July 7. Prize Declamation of the Junior Class.

Tuesday afternoon, July 8. Address before the Alumni, by Rev. Professor Daniel Raynes Goodwin, D. D., of Philadelphia. Theme,—"What the college has to do, and how to do it."—In the course of his address, he paid a fine tribute to "the grand old sturdy faculty," with whom the college was so long identified.

After the address, the Annual meeting was held in Adams Hall.

Evening.—Concert by the Germania Band, assisted by Mrs. Osgood, and the Temple Quartette, of Boston.

Wednesday, July 9.—Commencement exercises by the Senior Class. Thirty-one graduates,—of whom eighteen delivered their parts.—One Oration for the Degree of M. A.

P. M.—Commencement dinner, at which President Chamberlain presided. Remarks were made by him.—Nehemiah Cleaveland, L.L. D., Gov. Perham, Dexter A. Hawkins, Esq., of New York, and Dr. Pike, of Philadelphia. Professor Packard read letters from Professor Stowe, and others. John B. Brown pledged $10,000 to the College. Other gentlemen proposed to increase the amount to $100,000;—so giving the College a fund of $225.00.

Evening.—Levee at the President's house.

Thursday, July 10.—Annual meeting of the Phi. Beta Kappa, and of the Maine Historical Society.

The Board of Overseers of the College, elected to fill vacancies,—Hon. Joseph Dane, of Kennebunk; Rev. Wm. T. Savage, D. D., of Franklin, N. H.; Hon. Nelson Dingley, Jr., of Lewiston; Rev. Wm. M. Barbour, D. D., of Bangor; Cyrus Woodman, Esq., of Cambridge, Mass.

CONGREGATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF THE UNITED STATES.—Organized Nov. 17, 1871.—Stated meetings, every third year from 1871. Special meetings to be called upon the request of any five State organization of Churches.

See Note p. 18.

Gen. Association of New Hampshire	Laconia	Sept. 16, 1873
General Convention of Vermont	Northfield	June 23, 1874
Gen. Asso. of Cong'l Chs. of Massachusetts	1st Ch., Lynn.	June 9, 1874
Gen. Conference of Cong'l Chs. of Connecticut	Middletown	Nov. 4, 1873
Rhode Island Cong'l Conference		June 9, 1874
Gen. Association of New York	Tabernacle ch., N. Y.	Oct. 21, 1873
Gen. Association of New Jersey	Montclair	Oct. 28, 1873
Gen. Association of Michigan	Adrian	May 9, 1874
Ohio Congregational Conference	Cincinnati	June 9, 1874
Gen. Asso. of Cong'l Chs. and Ministers, Indiana	Indianapolis	May 14, 1874
General Association of Illinois	Kewanee	May 27, 1874
Gen. Asso. of Cong'l Chs. in Missouri	Webster Grove	Oct. 15, 1873
General Association of Iowa	Waterloo	June 3, 1874
General Cong'l Conference of Minnesota	St. Paul	Oct. 9, 1873
Pres. and Cong'l Convention of Wisconsin	Eau Claire	Oct. 2, 1873
Gen. Asso. of Cong'l Ministers and Chs. in Kansas	Topeka	June 1, 1874
Cong'l Gen. Asso. of Oregon		June 18, 1874
Cong'l Association of California	Santa Cruz	Oct. 8, 1873

Colorado Conference of Congregational Churches. Sessions: first Tuesday in May and November. Boulder, Oct. 29, 1873.

Connecticut, General Association, June, 1874.

Dakota, General Association of the Congregational Churches, Santee Agency.

Georgia, Alabama, and Tennessee, Central South Conference, Talledega, Ala., Oct. 8, 1873.

South Western Conference.

Kentucky, State Association of Christian Churches and Ministers.

Louisiana and Mississippi, South Western Conference, New Orleans.

Nebraska, Congregational Association, Omaha.

Texas, Congregational Conference, Corpus Christi.

Pennsylvania Welsh Eastern Asso., Mt. Carmel, Sept., 1873. Pennsylvania Welsh Western Asso., Pittsburg & Birmingham.

Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick; Yarmouth, N. S., Sept. 6, 1873.

Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec, Toronto, Ont., June 3, 1874.

CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETIES.

AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Congregational House, Somerset St., Boston, Mass.

For information, or remittances for the Congregational House, or gifts to the Congregational Library, address Rev. Isaac P. Langworthy, *Cor. Sec.*, as above. Vice-President for Maine, Hon. Wm. W. Thomas, Portland. Twentieth Annual Report in Cong. Quarterly, July, 1873. Congregational Fair in behalf of the Congregational House and Library, held in Boston, Oct., 1872.

AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL UNION (Church Building), 69 Bible House, New York City. N. A. Calkins, *Treasurer*; Rev. Ray Palmer, D. D., as above; Rev. C. Cushing, 20 Congregational House, Boston, *Secretaries*. Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., Vice-President from Maine. Nineteenth Annual Report in Cong. Quarterly, July, 1873.

CONGREGATIONAL PUBLISHING SOCIETY, Congregational House, corner Beacon and Somerset Sts., Boston. M. H. Sargent, *Treasurer*; Rev. Asa Bullard, Rev. Wm. Barrows, D. D., Boston; Rev. G. S. F. Savage, D. D., 86 Washington St., Chicago, Ill., *Secretaries*.

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The contributions of the churches for Christian work among papal populations, in accordance with the vote of Conference, is to be made through the Am. Bd. C. F. M.

Receiving Agents of the Board in Maine.—Bangor, E. F. Duren; Hallowell, Simeon Page; Portland, E. S. Hoyt; Saco, S. L. Goodale.

Annual Meeting of the Board in Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 23, 1873.

AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY, Bible House, New York City. Wm. Henry Smith, *Treasurer*; Rev. David B. Coe, D. D., Rev. A. Huntington Clapp, D. D., *Secretaries.*

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AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION, 59 Reade St., N. Y. City. W. E. Whiting, *Assistant Treasurer*; Rev. Geo. Whipple, Rev. M. E. Strieby, New York: Rev. C. L. Woodworth, Cong'l House, Boston; Gen. Charles H. Howard, 38 Lombard Block, Chicago, Ill., *Secretaries.*

SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF COLLEGIATE AND THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION, 62 Bible House, New York City. Rev. H. Q. Butterfield, D. D., *Secretary*; Samuel Holmes, Esq., 255 Pearl street, New York City, *Treasurer.*

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PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE,—p. 46.—Benjamin B. Merrill, is stated supply at East Orrington.

PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE,—p. 47.—F. L. Sawyer, is acting-clerk of the church in Greenville.

UNION CONFERENCE,—p. 49.—Rev. HENRY FRANCIS SNOW, (Grad. New Hampton Institute). Ordained in the Free Baptist ch., Manchester, N. H., June 10, 1858,—commenced labors in Naples, in Dec., 1872, continuing three months;—renewing the engagement May 1, 1873.

Rev. EDWARD F. ABBOTT, of Andover, Mass., (Grad. Gilmanton Theo. Sem., 1846). Ordained in Milton, N. H., Aug. 19, 1846.—Stated supply in Lovell, from July 1, 1872.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE,—p. 51.—Next meeting of Conference, in Calais, Oct. 7-8, 1873.

DEDICATION AT CALAIS.—The new Congregational Church, in Calais, was dedicated on Thursday, July 31, 1873. The sermon was preached by the Pastor, Rev. William Carruthers, from Luke 7:5. The prayer of dedication was offered by Rev. Dr. Keeler, of Mt. Vernon, N. H., (a former Pastor). Rev. Dr. Carruthers, of Portland, and Rev. Dr. Dexter, of Baldwinsville, also assisted in the services.

This house of worship, built at a cost of $36,000, is one of the most beautiful in the State. The architect was Mr. John Stevens, of Boston. It will accommodate six hundred people. The Society is in a very prosperous condition. They have already subscribed $29,000 towards the building of their Sanctuary, and purpose having the house clear of all debt, on the first anniversary of its dedication.

Corresponding Secretary's Report,—p. 24. 4th line,—for "to gather," read, who gather; 9th line,—"toil," read, soil; 12th, "trees," read, tares; 21st,—"amid," read, and of; 22d,—"amid," read, and of; p. 25, 12th line,—after "remained,"—add,—for thirteen years.

Summary, p. 60.—Pastors dismissed—should be *eleven*; average time of settlement of stated supplies, *two and one-fifth years*,—(8th line from the foot of the page, left column.)

The CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF CONFERENCE may be found in the Minutes for 1870, pages 67—69.

THE ACT OF INCORPORATION and the CONSTITUTION of the MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY, may be found on pages 83, 84, of the Minutes and Report for 1872.

Thanksgiving Day, State and National, Nov. 28, 1872.

State Fast, April 17, 1873.

By vote of the Conference, one copy of the Minutes is sent to each minister, and one to each church in the Conference, by mail, pre-paid. It would be desirable to keep one copy permanently with the records of the church, for preservation, and for reference. Extra copies will be furnished at thirty cents per copy, which will also include the postage. Apply to E. F. Duren, Bangor, Chairman of the Committee of Publication.

TO SCRIBES AND REPORTERS.

The attention of Scribes of Churches, and the Scribes and Reporters of local Conferences, is directed to the notice on page 124 of the Minutes for 1871.

If all who are appointed to the duties there referred to, will attend to them at the time designated, it will render the task of the Secretaries, and Publishing Committee of the General Conference less burdensome, and provide for more full and correct returns. The several Clerks, Scribes, and Reporters, can best procure and send the desired information from their respective localities. *Begin in April to gather the material, and send the report completed in May*, as directed.

MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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SIXTY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY.

1873.

SERMON.

LUKE 9:29.—"AND AS HE PRAYED, THE FASHION OF HIS COUNTENANCE WAS ALTERED, AND HIS RAIMENT WAS WHITE AND GLISTERING."

A little different is the language of Matthew and Mark, who say of e Saviour, he "was transfigured before them;" *i. e.*, Peter, James and hn, who were with him in the mount; "and his face did shine as the n, and his raiment was white as the light." From Mark's description the scene it has been thought by some that the disciples were in a sion. There is no doubt that they were in a state of excitement nounting to ecstasy, and it is not strange that it should be said of Peter, For he wist not what to say, for they were sore afraid;" *i. e.*, human ords failed to tell the glory of the scene and the impressions produced ereby upon the disciples.

It is said, in wonder, that we have very little revealed to us of heav- ı; only glimpses here and there. This scene of the transfiguration ay be one of those glimpses, when the door for a moment stood ajar, ıd a ray of the inner glory shone through to mortal eyes. And we ay find the reason why so little of the heavenly glory is revealed, in ıe effect of a mere glimpse on the disciples, of fear, wonder, and ecsta- ', so as almost to unfit the soul for the plodding cares and every day ıties of life. Thus instead of having heaven on earth, or even pro- ınged seasons of happiness at all resembling heaven, we have clouds ıd darkness; afflictions and various trials; because sunshine is ever ıe more pleasant after storms, and rest the sweeter, following labor and rife. The sweet is mingled with the bitter, and generally with a ıperabundance of the bitter in every human life. That which taken in nall measure is a tonic to the system, taken too freely, debilitates. Con- ary to our desires God gives his children here homœpathic prescrip- ons of happiness.

The Apostles who accompanied the Saviour up the mount, were charmed and dazzled by the splendor, like very children, as they were spiritually; and they wished to abide there, saying, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles, one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. But Christ had work for them to do, and not yet had come the time for rest.

Whether the scene of the transfiguration were an objective reality like our presence here, or were a vision, it was certainly brought about by the prayer of the Saviour; and if a vision, was as a reality, as intensely real as anything in the Saviour's earthly life, and surely all present were elevated into the rapture and glory of the heavenly world.

It is wonderful, how still communion with God has a sort of transfiguring power.

I use the word communion because it is broader than the word prayer, and expresses better the exercise of the Saviour upon the Mount; and a similar exercise which is the privilege and may be the experience of every servant of Christ.

This power of communion with God is manifest in its making things spiritual, real. This is the hardest of all things in the Christian experience. We are constantly moving in, and doing with, things seen and temporal; our feet press the earth; our lungs breathe the air; we touch, we taste, we see, we hear; and it is not difficult to realize things palpable to the senses. Having so much and so continually to do with things sensible, in our ordinary moods it is hard to realize things out of and above the sphere of the senses.

The little child realizes the mother's love and shielding power, with its hand upon her bosom sweetly resting in her arms; but separate them by space or by the grave, and the little one moans for the lost love, tho' the mother's love immortal still hovers over the child. We feel this same difficulty in making real to us the love or even the existence of the absent and the lost; and we cling to some letter or souvenir as a sensible token, which we may look upon, read or handle—a connecting link between us.

Now communion with God makes things unseen and spiritual, real to us. It affected the Saviour and the Apostles in such a way on the Mount, that the things spiritual of the other world, seemed as real as though they could feel, hear and see them.

It may be that the forms of Moses and Elias were real forms. But they were surely spiritual. They were not flesh and blood like the

forms of the Apostles or even of the Saviour himself who witnessed the scene.

It is manifest how real was this scene from the saying of Peter, "Lord it is good for us to be here; if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles, one for thee, one for Moses, and one for Elias," the presence of Moses and Elias being just as real as that of the Saviour himself.

A similar instance is that of Elisha, who said to his servant who with terror saw the city in which he was, beleaguered by the host of the enemy, "Fear not, for they that be with us are more than they that be with them." And the prophet "prayed and said, Lord I pray thee, open his eyes that he may see; and the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha." The mystic host was there before; and the prophet by his nearness to God elevated into the clear atmosphere, and by the transfiguring power of prayer, by a sort of second sight, saw that host, when invisible to common eyes; and prayer, too, unsealed the servant's vision; so that the things of the invisible world seemed as real, as do the things of this world to the senses.

They whose communion with God is close and constant, as was the Saviour's, the Apostles' and the inspired men of old, live in a world of intenser realities than do those who never pray. Such are sometimes called visionary, as Joseph was stigmatized by his brothers as a dreamer; but did it not appear to them, and to all the world, in the end, who was the most practical and far seeing?

The life of faith, which shows itself in a habit of communion with the Most High, is the most real and the most practical, as regards the affairs of this life, of any life in man.

Those who live in God are not the fanatics, the visionaries, or even the enthusiasts (using the word in its bad sense) among men; but rather those who live in themselves, as did the anchorites of old, as do the spiritualists of these days. Whoever dreamed of such communing with God? Whoever imagined that the spiritual things of God's Kingdom, the unseen and the eternal, were realities to them? Their life is wholly material, as far as is possible for beings possessed of a spiritual nature to be material. Their communion is wholly of man with man, or of the earth, earthy.

It is communion with God that makes the spiritual things of this and of another world, realities.

This transfiguring power of communion with God is manifest in

its causing that which is mortal, earthly and temporal, to appear in a glorified light.

Peter said in a kind of ecstacy "It is good for us to be here.". He saw common things in a glorified light. That common mountain top became a heavenly place, and he fain would tarry there.

As Christ prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered; his face did shine as the sun, even his raiment became shining, exceedingly white as the snow; "so as no fuller on earth can white them."

This glory appeared on Christ at other times. Is it a fancy, that the star that hung over Bethlehem and guided the shepherds, was the glory that awaited the brow of the earth-born heavenly child? That this glory was the radiant centre of the adoring angel host?

That it shone on the devout Simeon when he took the infant Jesus in his arms and called him "a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel?" That it flashed upon the doctors in the temple when they were astonished at his understanding and his answers, a mere child?

Did not this glory descend upon Christ from the opened heavens at his baptism? Did it not irradiate his face when he drove out the desecrators of the temple? Did it not awe the rabble that sought to cast him from the brow of the hill and he disappeared from among them?

Different from mortals, Christ lived in constant communion with heaven while he walked the earth.

In the far north is a mountain whose base, in midsummer time, is in partial sunlight and shade, while its summit is in constant sunshine. So Christ, in his incarnation, while his feet pressed the earth with its shadows and its grime upon them, need but rear his brow, and the celestial glory crowned it. It is said the light will find the diamond in the darkened cell. And Christ could not be hid. Neither his humanity, nor earth, nor the grave, could conceal the glory of his divinity. It would flash through them as the electric flame through the cloud or the storm. And you recall when Jesus came from communion in Gethsemane, how the glory smote the traitor Judas and those that stood with him, so that they went backward and fell to the ground. Witness, too, the scenes of the judgment hall; witness calvary; witness the resurrection and the ascension; and see him for ever more on mediatorial or judgment throne, his brow haloed with Divinity.

Was it not this transfiguring power which made the skin of Moses' face to shine, when he came down from communion with God on

Mount Sanai? Does not communion with God give a glory to the countenance now? The presence of God in the soul of the worshipper shines out as the radiance of an illuminated temple. It frequently gives a brightness as of heaven, to a very ordinary mortal face. You have seen a man newly converted seem as another man. He is indeed a new man in Christ Jesus; "old things are passed away: behold all things are become new." What is it but this transfiguring power of communion with God that works the marvellous change? His face wears a new look; a new light shines out of his eyes. The spirit of light and glory has entered and filled the soul, like the Shekinah, and the glory must needs shine through the curtains of the tabernacle.

There may have been nothing more wonderful in the transfiguration on the Mount. It may have been the result of communion with God, more glorious than ordinary, from the demand of the special occasion. And ordinarily I think, something of this transfiguring power is seen whenever a soul is brought out from nature's darkness into the marvellous light of God.

It must not be objected to the reality of this transfiguration that it does not remain, that the glory vanishes, so that the face resumes somewhat its old look, and the eye its old dullness; for surely no temple is constantly illuminated; and the Saviour and the three with him, did not abide on the Mount. And yet in all their future, the effects of that scene remained; so that they were not wholly what they had been. So the truly converted soul may go about his worldly duties; may busy himself with his every day plodding cares and toils, in his worn and soiled garments; but there will come moments of the glory; when he comes out of his closet from the scene and season of secret communion; when he rises from the family altar; when he meets his Saviour and his brethren for social prayer; and on the Sabbath, in God's house, especially at the time of holy communion at the Lord's table, he will feel and say like Jacob at Bethel, "Surely the Lord is in this place. How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God and this is the gate of heaven."

But more than this, other earthly, mortal and temporal things seem changed, seen through the eyes of the transfigured one. Nature is not more beautiful than before; but to that soul there is an unwonted beauty on all its face. The sun shines not more brightly than it is wont to shine, yet that transfigured soul looks on the sun as though he never saw it before; there is a radiance in the overcast sky; the dull clouds are

illuminated; a glory crowns the mountain top. The soul in communion with heaven, sees God's smile everywhere. It is natural that God's word should seem new to such a soul. But more than that; God's love and glory seem to flash out from every page, and the commonest stories, and the tritest truths of the sacred book, have an unwonted significance; truths start out from passages that before seemed meaningless. "A glory gilds the sacred page, majestic like the sun."

The power of communion with God is manifest in its fitting the soul for suffering and self-sacrifice, a power more than native or human, a transfiguring power.

Christ had but a short time before the scene of the transfiguration, admonished the disciples of the fact, that the son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief-priests and scribes and be slain; and was not this scene and season of communion on the Mount designed to fit for suffering not only the Saviour himself, the chief sufferer, but also the Apostles, who were to lose one on whom they wholly relied?

So keenly did Peter feel this anticipated loss, that he took Christ and began to rebuke him. But Christ, after reproving Peter for his weakness, and assuring him that he savored more of the things that be of men, than the things that be of God, said, "whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me. For whosoever shall save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, shall save it."

And now having admonished them of the sufferings at hand for them, and knowing the sufferings he must shortly endure, he took those whom he loved dearest, and were his confidential disciples, up the Mount for preparation for the coming trials. And there above the earth, its motives, its ambitions and its passions left behind, he taught his friends to seek and to find the strength and the nerve which should enable them to endure any suffering.

It is our weakness of virtue, our wrong motive, or our ambition as in Peter, that make us shrink from suffering, in ourselves or those we love. It is weak *human* nature that cries out even in Christ, "let the cup pass." And so in anticipation of sufferings greater than ever before conceived or endured, Christ went up the Mount of transfiguration, and by communion with the Father, and by participating again, for a brief period, in the realities of the world for which he came, and to which, through violence and blood, and through agony inconceivable to

the human mind he was so soon to return, he gathered strength for the dire necessity. Christ was a man. He was tempted in all points like as we are. He, too, needed to fortify himself by heavenly communion for the conflict which was inevitable, and from which his human nature would draw back. And that we may endure to the bitter end as he did, he invites us to ascend the Mount, where by communion with God, we may enter with him into the transfigured life of right motives, of holy desires, and of lofty self-sacrifice. Thus the Apostles found the way to the help they needed, and through this same way of communion with God, all self-sacrificing and suffering lives have made a pathway to the glory higher than that of the Mount, beyond the stars. The Apostles all save one, through martyrdom; and how many martyrs since by the rack or other torture, in the arena's strife, at the stake, from dungeons where no human eye could see them but of their keeper or executioner, have found strength by communion with God, to endure the terror and the agony of the inevitable hour, a strength more than human, which came to them in a kind of transfiguration, which made their very faces to shine in the hour of their martyrdom..

Communion with God brings the strength needed to serve him in his kingdom.

It seems to me this is the highest kind of transfiguring power. Christ even may have got strength on the Mount to carry out Jehovah's purposes and to say, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done." A man may endure suffering for the sake of the reward and the glory that follow. A man undergoes immense self-sacrifices for the promise of the ultimate and lasting joy they bring. Even the martyr's crown of fire, is a kind of prelude to the martyr's crown of glory. But to toil for the sole sake of advancing the Master's kingdom, requires a strength that can be found only by communion with Him who can transfigure the soul, so that self shall be lost in love.

Selfishness *is* the soul's nature. Witness Peter on the very Mount, planning for his enjoyment, and saying, "Lord it is good for us to be here; let us abide here." He was not yet, fully, under the controlling power of unselfish love. He wished in the midst of the heavenly glory to enjoy himself. He did not yet comprehend the nature of Christ's kingdom; that it was not for enjoyment, merely, but for service, that it was a kingdom not of force and authority, but whose ruling power was love. While Peter yet spake, "Behold a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold a voice out of the cloud which said, "this is my

beloved son in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him;" (i. e.) obey him, be controlled by his spirit of love, of service and of sacrifice.

This same power came to Peter and the other Apostles, when, in obedience to the Lord's command, they tarried in Jerusalem, seeking by communion with God, to be endued with power from on high, as the Saviour promised, and it came to Peter, especially when on the day of Pentecost, he preached with a wisdom and a might that none could gainsay or resist.

Now this strength to serve Christ in extending his kingdom is, first and foremost, through the presence and aid of the Holy Ghost: sought and found by communion with God like that on the Mount, the overshadowing of a bright cloud; filling the soul as of the Apostles, with awe, wonder and rapture; imparting not only a glow to the face, but an unwonted grasp of truth and power of utterance; an unction and an inspiration of thought, that wins souls.

You have felt, brethren, this influence indescribable, flowing in upon you like an ocean wave, almost submerging you when in your closet or in your study, you have devised schemes of service, or have wrought out gospel truths; and you have felt it in the house of God when you have proclaimed those truths, coming down on you like the cloven tongues of flame; and you have felt it in the room for prayer or inquiry in the time of revival; an influence as real as when the Saviour breathed on the disciples and said unto them, "receive ye the Holy Ghost." This power which communion with God gives to his servants is also that of *Divine love*, burning in the soul a living flame, inexhaustible, inextinguishable, all-controlling, and all-conquering like a *mother's* love.

It is likewise the power of *faith*. Born under the cloud; child of the wedded mist and sunshine; its rainbow brightness luring from the dead past, spanning the future with the pledge of perpetual progress, in all things that pertain to human weal; whether material or social, moral or spiritual; giving a courage and a zeal, a fervor and a joy, like the Master's when he came down from the Mount of ecstasy, to the common service of healing, of instruction, of comfort and of salvation, at the foot of the mount and *to* the Mount, of suffering and of sacrifice not far off. You have seen the picture of this celestial earthly scene of the transfiguration? There,—up the height, the prostrate forms of the three awe-struck witnesses; above them, in the cloud, the glorified son of God and heavenly visitants; and down here at the base, the disciples left behind, and the people with an afflicted father, gathered helpless

around the writhing form of a demoniac; and you know how Christ came down from the communion with a reinforcement of faith that drove hence the demon; and how he administered words of reproof to his followers for their little faith. There is a sermon in that picture; up there, the reserved forces, all the munitions of war, the sources of supply for the battling host, with ever an open, luminous track to head-quarters over the royal highway of prayer. Down here the battle-field, the conflict raging; the vicissitudes of war; marching and countermarching; the retreat; the rallying; the renewed onset and the victory.

This power which communion with God gives is that of *hope*. It imparts its own radiance to the cause it serves. It never says surrender. It knows no possibility of defeat; it baffles every artifice of the enemy. However dense the cloud over us, it sees sunshine beyond. It waves its wand, and light breaks through the darkness; the constellations shine out, and there bursts forth a jubilant song of triumph, as when the morning stars sang together. These are somewhat the nature and manifestations of the power which comes of communion with God, making the spiritual, real, by the divine presence which it brings into the soul, and regenerating grace, elevating, developing and even glorifying these natures; fitting the soul for suffering and self-sacrifice, and nerving us for service in the Master's kingdom.

To my thought, these appear the need of the times; the four-sided foundation and even walls of the temple we are trying to build, and which is building, Christ himself being not only the corner stone, but throughout all the structure, all the materials coming over and through that one grand avenue of communion with God. And here we may find the cure of *skepticism*, in ourselves, in the church and in the world. Sad to say, you find skepticism in the ministry and in the church. The tide is surging up to our very Puritan pulpits; it is breaking down old barriers; it is sweeping over the ancient landmarks, and you can see the wrecks here and there floating away on the receding tide. Well, be it so. Whatever is not for eternity will not stand. Old things are passing away, not because they are old, but because they have had their day; and God does not need them: let them go. Some truths may drop out of our creeds and die; all truths are not necessarily eternal. Such as God needs, he makes immortal; just as the builder throws aside with the rubbish such material as does not fit its place, as has no place.

A plant in your garden, though good in itself, though beautiful and

desirable in its place, if out of place, or if in the way of the development of beauty, order, symmetry and usefulness in your garden, or if superfluous, you thrust aside as a weed to perish; our creeds may be too crowded; there may be superfluities in them; these, the weeds, not the creeds, will be rooted up, not by the skeptic, but by the infinitely wise gardener. It is not the errors that skepticism assails; it is not the useless or ornamental truths that it would destroy; but the vital and essential truths. Now how shall these be defended and preserved?

Not by scorn and invective; not by learning in ponderous books or lectures; not by logic sharp, clear, hard and heavy. These mortars and columbiads will not reach the enemy, entrenched in their inaccessible lava-beds. Not by your rhetoric beautiful, brilliant and trenchant as a Damascus blade, it will shiver on the helmet of the foe. These all are good as far as they go. But they don't go far enough. Now I do not believe in panaceas generally; they are mostly quackery. But in God's panacea I do believe, and this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting, *i. e.* prayer that takes hold of the arm that moves the world; so forgetful of self, that the body ceases to hunger or to eat, as Christ in the temptation or in the Mount; or as Moses; or as Jacob wrestling the night through and prevailing; conquering the mighty hate of Esau.

Skepticism assails prayer itself with its prayer guage and otherwise. Answer with logic if you can; but you cannot. They will somehow by their nimbleness and their adroitness spike your heaviest guns. But pray. On the Mount of transfiguration, enter into communion with the invisible one, and as you descend your face and features, your actions and life will answer the libel, and the lie and the demon will be exorcised that threw them down.

Skepticism assails the great Solar doctrines of grace. Answer if you can, but you cannot convincingly. But pray; pray more, pray always, everywhere; get the church to pray. Go up again into the Mount, commune with heaven, and under the bright overshadowing cloud of the revival; under the Divine Spirit's flash of regenerating light and joy, the skeptic will be answered, as Saul of Tarsus was answered. Brethren, I believe it, the prayer meeting is mightier than the pulpit to cure the skeptic; the logic of prayer, is the only absolutely convincing logic which man can use to that end.

Here then lies the surety to the servants of Christ, and especially to the ministry, of success worthy the name. I know you may exert an influence over men by means of your will, your wisdom, your goodness

or your grace. You may gain control over men by your energy of mind or of will, by your personal magnetism, by your social position or your wealth. Your skill, your agility, the cunning of your hand, or the eloquence of your lips may give you sway over men. But oh! we are nothing to what we might be, with this added power of communion with God. Without this we are weak in all our strength; and with this we can be very strong for Christ, for all that love us, and whom we love. Oh! to be girded with this power.

It will give the beauty of holiness we so much need; a *beauty* of person, of mind, of character, consecrated on God's altar, sanctified by Christ's love, which shall make you wholly loved and loving. It will give you *joy* like no other joy of your life, an infusive, a crowning joy.

It will give you an *influence* far-reaching and beneficent, like that of the Master, its source, flowing in and through your life and a thousand lives. And it will give you honor: not the earth-made, tinsel stuff, merely; yet the praying men mostly shall be the leaders. But I speak of the glory higher and beyond; like that of Moses, which surrounds him with a halo, and makes him the luminous law-giver of all ages; and like that of Christ on the mount of transfiguration and of Calvary, and ascended to the throne of heaven and earth king forever more.

And, finally, Brethren, it will give us the *jeweled crown of souls*, without which, to the true minister of Christ, whatever his position of eminence or obscurity, everything else is as nothing; without which he is never satisfied; which is his first and last thought; his uppermost and undermost endeavor. It is this power of communion with God which draws men to Christ with an upward and almost resistless tendency. It gave to Jesus, Saviour, a world of souls, and gives to him, Mediator, a heaven of souls.

It gives to workers for Christ on our western prairies and among our New England wilds, the harvest of souls, an all-sufficient compensation for sacrifice, suffering and toil. And it will bring, as much as any human influence can, their needed temporal support.

We will see to it then, that this avenue of communication with all our supplies is kept open, that our preaching, our praying, and our sowing may in due time ripen into a harvest of souls; *and* that we may have patience, too. You know how in a time of drought and of devouring locusts we have to seed over and over again our fields, and patiently wait for the rain that at once germinates the seed and destroys the destroyer, The doctrine yet stands, God is Sovereign. He sits on a

throne high and lifted up. He can see infinitely farther than you or I. As we come nearer to him, as we go up the Mount from our closets, our prayer rooms, or our sanctuaries, we shall learn to take this far look, and wait, and say reverently,

"Thy will be done. If o'er us shine
A gladdening and a prosperous sun,
This prayer will make it more divine,
Thy will be done."

"Thy will be done. Tho' shrouded o'er
Our path with gloom; one comfort—one
Is ours; to breathe while we adore,
Thy will be done."

THE SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

AINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

PRESENTED BY THE TRUSTEES AT THE

nual Meeting in the Congregational Church at Gorham,

JUNE 25, 1873.

ANNUAL MEETING.

: SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING of the Maine Missionary Socie-
s held in the Congregational Church in Gorham, June 25, 1873.
/er by the President, Rev. J. O. Fiske. Sermon by the Rev. John
ırney, of Foxcroft,—Text, Luke 9:29, a copy of which was re-
d for the Press.

Report of the Treasurer was read by Dea. J. S. Wheelwright.
; accepted, and a vote of thanks passed to the treasurer for his
le and gratuitous services.

Report of the Trustees was read by the Secretary. Its accept-
/as moved by Dea. J. S. Wheelwright, who stated some telling
egarding the Missionary work. He was followed by short ad-
s from the Hon. Nelson Dingley, Jr., the nominee for Governor of
ate, Rev. Jotham Sewall of Chicago, Rev. J. W. Chickering of
Rev. W. T. Sleeper of the Aroostook, and Rev. A. J. Bates of

motion of Rev. J. E. Adams, a vote of thanks was passed to the
). C. Fessenden of Conn.,—formerly of Maine—for the valuable
t of four well-bound volumes containing nearly a complete series
: annual sermons and reports of the Society, from its origin till
-also two volumes of the annual Minutes of the General Confer-
from 1828 to 1865.

: following officers were chosen for the ensuing year:

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Rev. JOHN O. FISKE.

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The next annual meeting is to be held with the 2d Church in Newcastle, on the 4th Wednesday in June, 1874.

First preacher, Rev. WM. M. BARBOUR; Second preacher, Rev. JOHN D. EMERSON.

Attest: S. THURSTON, *Recording Secretary.*

REPORT.

oever surveys the moral condition of this world can hardly fail to
ressed with the magnitude of the work of restoring it to its alle-
to God. The vast majority of the human family still wedded to
rship of idols—teeming millions, followers of the false prophet.
ians not yet half converted to the true faith—Romanism, and in-
, mighty antagonistic forces—the common and deep depravity of
man heart still arrayed against God! Such are the antagonistic
What but omnipotent grace can cope with such mighty powers,
ercome them? Yet when the whole church could be accommo-
in one upper room, the Lord of missions bid his disciples, "Go
l the world, and preach the gospel to every creature—Go, disciple
ions." This solemn charge still rests upon the church.
he discharge of this weighty trust, the different sections of the
act on the principle of the Jews in rebuilding the walls of Jeru-
after the captivity, every man built over against his own house;
rivate safety and public interest were harmonious and best se-

ould be hardly wise or expedient for the scattered christians of
to organize a distinct society to spread the gospel in China, or
. What they are able to do for those distant nations, they can
do through some larger organization. But in reaching the desti-
our own State, and sending them the gospel, nothing could be
fitting than the organization of a State Missionary Society for con-
ting the forces of the churches upon the work of home evangeliz-

the fathers thought; and 66 years ago last month they organized
aine Missionary Society, whose anniversary we this day celebrate.
already proved a power for good, and accomplished results,
have made heaven glad.
Trustees, in presenting their annual report, would make grate-
ention of God's kindness in preserving the lives of all the officers
issionaries of the Society through the entire year. Not a name
en starred. This, in a company of men exceeding 140 individu-
a signal instance of the preservation of life for twelve successive
s; especially considering that numbers of them are far advanced
journey of life.
e following table exhibits a statistical view of the doings of the
ear.

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1—ACTON,			$									$	$
Rev. Wm. S. Thompson.	July 1, 1872	12	150	12	70	2	7	....	56	15	80	25 00	11 79
2—ALBANY,													
Rev. John E. Smith	June 29, 1872	3	96	3	70	5	....	....	45	35	55	18 00	5 00
3—ALNA,													
Rev. John Haskell	July 1, 1872	12	125	6	75	..	....	....	52	25	40	12 00	15 00
4—AMHERST,													
Rev. H. S. Loring	July 1, 1872	12	200	12	100	..	....	....	22	15	100	22 00	59 00
5—ANDOVER,													
Rev. E. F. Cutter.....	July 1, 1872	3	104	2	200	..	....	....	87	..	75	.....	.....
6—BAILEY'S ISLAND,													
Rev. Chas. N. Sinnett...	July 1, 1872	2 3-4	88	2 3-4	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	.....	.....
" " "	June 4, 1873	1	32	1	40	..	No	Ch.	....	25	21	12	.....
7 { BENTON, CLINTON.					150	..	....	....	26	75	75	20 00	80 00
Rev. Frank C. Bayley...	July 1, 1872	2	72	2	150	..	....	....	6	..	....	.....	.....
Rev. C. D. Crane	May 10, 1873	2	64	2	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	.....	.....
8—BIDDEFORD, 1ST,													
Rev. J. W. Kingsbury...	July 1, 1872	12	200	3	100	..	....	....	70	..	....	.....	.....
9— { BINGHAM, THE FORKS,					100	..	....	....	50	10	40	25 00	.....
Rev. B. B. Merrill	July 1, 1872	2 3-4	88	2 3-4	65	..	....	....	....	..	....	.....	.....
Rev. H. P. Craig.....	June 1, 1873	1 1-4	40	1 1-4	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	.....	.....
10—*BREMEN,													
Rev. Geo. Hindley	June 4, 1873	1	32	1	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	.....	.....
11—BRISTOL,													
Rev. W. S. Spaulding....	July 1, 1872	12	300	12	140	1	....	2	53	12	65	5 00	23 54
12—BROOKSVILLE,													
Rev. Daniel Staver.....	July 1, 1872	5	96	3	100	..	....	....	32	25	75	42 00	.....
Rev. H. W. Eldredge ...	June 1, 1873	1 1-4	40	1 1-4	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	.....	.....
13—BROWNFIELD,													
Rev. N. H. Whittlesey ..	May 17, 1873	1 3-4	56	1 3-4	100	..	....	....	53	15	100	.....	.....
14—BUXTON, CENTER,													
Rev. S. S. Drake.....	Jan. 1, 1873	6	75	6	65	..	....	....	56	20	40	20 00	.....
15—CANAAN,													
Rev. Geo. W. Winch	May 24, 1873	1 1-2	48	1 1-2	75	..	No	Ch.	....	..	50	.....	.....
16 { CARIBOU, FORT FAIRFIELD,					125	2	6	....	19	..	80	.....	.....
Rev. W. T. Sleeper.....	July 1, 1872	12	450	12	140	..	1	3	28	..	60	.....	.....
17—CASCO,													
Rev. M. D. Stone.....	July 1, 1872	3	96	3	80	..	....	....	17	20	60	16 64	.....
18—COOPER,													
Rev. Geo. W. Laban ...	July 1, 1872	2 1-2	80	2 1-2	90	..	....	....	11	25	70	75 00	.....
Rev. A. H. Adams.....	May 24, 1873	1 1-2	48	1 1-2	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	.....	.....
19—CORNISH,													
Rev. Albert Cole	July 1, 1872	12	200	12	90	1	....	....	66	13	60	14 00	28 50
21—DEDHAM,													
Rev. John R. Chalmers.	Oct. 13, 1872	8 1-2	304	8 1-2	65	..	....	....	52	20	55	26 00	39
22 { DENMARK, SWEDEN,					50	..	....	....	43	10	25	18 00	.....
Rev. Truman S. Perry...	July 1, 1872	12	200	12	60	2	1	....	56	12	40	26 00	.....
23—DEXTER,													
Rev. Wm. E. Spear.....	Jan. 1, 1873	6	100	1 1-2	65	2	....	....	33	15	50	54 50	.....
24—DIXFIELD,													
Rev. J. O. Bert	July 20, 1872	2 1-2	80	2 1-2	50	..	....	....	18	..	40	.....	.....
25—DURHAM,													
Rev. R. C. Stanley.....	Feb. 1, 1873	3	96	2	100	..	....	....	40	..	....	.....	.....
Rev. H. J. Broadwell....	May 17, 1873	1 3-4	56	1 3-4	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	.....	.....
26 { E. MADISON, S. SOLON,					69	..	....	....	12	..	....	14 00	.....
Rev. A. M. Hills	July 1, 1872	2 1-2	80	2 1-2	111	2	9	1	20	28	83	114 00	25
Rev. S. A. Curtis	May 24, 1873	1 1-2	48	1 1-3	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	.....	.....
27—E. ORRINGTON,													
Rev. B. B. Merrill	June 4, 1873	1	32	1	75	..	....	....	54	..	....	.....	.....
28—EASTPORT,													
Rev. W. K. Pierce.....	July 1, 1872	12	200	12	100	..	....	....	93	..	75	.....	68
29—EDGECOMB,													
Rev. Joseph Loring.....	July 1, 1872	12	150	12	85	..	1	....	74	..	73	43 50	6 25

* Mission just commenced.

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30—FRANKFORT,			$									$	$
E. P. Butler	July 1, 1872	3	96	3	75	..	....	....	12	20	50	14 31	.....
Rich. B. Snell	May 24, 1873	1 1-2	48	1 1-2	....	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
31—FREEDOM,		...	...	...	....	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. T. L. Springer	July 1, 1872	2 1-2	80	2 1-2	150	..	....	....	12	12	...	.....	.....
Rev. A. H. Moment	May 9, 1873	2	72	2	....	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
32—GARLAND,		...	...	...	....	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. P. B. Thayer	July 1, 1872	12	150	12	125	2	6	1	108	25	110	72 00	74 00
33—GRAY,		...	...	...	....	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. Eben Bean	July 1, 1872	12	125	12	130	..	....	....	80	14	75	1 00	.....
34 { GREENBUSH, OLAMON,	...	...	...	.....	20	..	No	Ch.	....	6	12	.....	.....
Rev. C. E. Harrington	July 1, 1872	3	96	3	40	..	No	Ch.	....	15	23	.....	.....
35—GREENVILLE,		...	...	...	....	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. E. A. Ford	July 1, 1872	3	100	3	75	..	....	....	39	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. B. F. Grant	June 4, 1873	1	32	1	....	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
36—HAMPDEN,		...	...	...	....	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. J. Evarts Pond	Nov. 1, 1872	8	167	8	175	6	3	1	95	35	100	50 00	124 00
37—HARRISON,		...	...	...	....	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. N. Lincoln	July 1. 1872	12	100	6	80	..	4	4	40	20	58	10 00	11 00
38—HIRAM,		...	...	...	....	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. A. Anderson	July 1, 1872	2 1-2	80	2 1-2	120	..	1	3	15	..	75	7 25	.....
Rev. R. H. Davis	Oct. 1. 1872	9	300	9	....	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
39—ISLE AU HAUT,		...	...	...	....	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. J. Eaton	July 1, 1872	3	104	3	....	..	....	....	14	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. E. J. Burgess	June 4, 1873	1	32	1	....	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
40—JACKSON & BROOKS,		...	...	...	....	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. A. N. Jones	July 1, 1872	12	200	12	150	..	8	1	64	25	115	30 00	30 00
41—JONESPORT,		...	...	...	....	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. D. S. Holbrook	May 24, 1873	1 1-2	48	1 1-2	....	..	No	Ch.	....	..	...	.....	.....
42—KENDUSKEAG,		...	...	...	....	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. J. W. Brownbill	July 1, 1872	2 1-2	80	2 1-2	....	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. Amos Redlon	Oct. 13, 1872	8 1-2	267	8 1-2	100	..	....	1	49	10	75	20 00	.....
43—KENNEBUNKPORT,		...	...	...	....	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. Wm. A. Merrill	July 1, 1872	12	200	12	90	1	....	....	46	12	71	20 00	21 50
44—KINGMAN,		...	...	...	....	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. J. W. Brownbill	Sept. 29, 1872	3 1-2	75	3 1-2	....	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. H. A. Loring	Jan. 1, 1873	5 1-4	110	5	73	..	No	Ch.	....	..	80	74 00	.....
Rev. S. Whitcomb	June 4, 1873	1	32	1	....	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
45—LIMINGTON,		...	...	...	....	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. S. W. Pearson	July 1, 1872	12	125	3	110	..	....	....	89	16	100	.....	.....
46—LITCHFIELD,		...	...	...	....	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. J. T. Hawes	July 1, 1872	12	200	12	80	1	....	....	61	20	60	15 00	76 00
47—LOVELL,		...	...	...	....	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. E. F. Abbott	July 1, 1872	12	150	12	100	..	3	3	130	60	151	26 00	23 00
48—MADISON,		...	...	...	....	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. T. G. Mitchell	July 1, 1872	12	125	12	75	2	....	....	76	10	60	30 00	5 00
49 { MARSHFIELD, WHITNEYVILLE,	...	...	...	.....	100	2	4	1	50	30	90	42 75	.....
Rev. A. Hageman	July 1, 1872	2 1-2	80	2 1-2	125	..	....	....	57	50	95	70 00	.....
50—MARSHFIELD,		...	...	...	....	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. Wm. J. Leggett	June 4, 1873	1 1-4	40	1 1-4	....	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
51—MEDWAY,		...	...	...	....	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. A. L. Buttner	July 1, 1872	2 1-2	80	2 1-2	80	..	No	Ch.	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. J. G. Evans	June 4, 1873	1	32	1	....	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
52—MINOT,		...	...	...	....	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. Joseph Smith	July 1, 1872	12	182	12	75	1	4	....	147	45	60	37 50	120 00
MONMOUTH,		...	...	...	....	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. T. D. Childs	July 1, 1872	4	136	4	15	15	8	...	36	35	65	84 00	.....
Rev. C. W. Hill	June, 1873	1-2	16	1-2	....	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
53—MONSON,		...	...	...	....	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. A. H. Tyler	July 1, 1872	12	300	12	125	6	16	1	106	70	100	18 00	.....
54—MOOSE RIVER,		...	...	...	....	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. W. E. Spear	July 1, 1872	2 3-4	88	2 3-4	90	..	No	Ch.	....	50	100	.....	.....
Rev. L. B. Tuckerman	May 24, 1873	1 1-2	56	1 1-2	...	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
55—MT. DESERT,		...	...	...	....	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. W. M. Salter	July 1, 1872	2	72	2	100	..	....	....	....	10	40	40 70	50 00
Rev. Geo. Benjamin	...	...	...	.....	....	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
56—NAPLES,		...	...	...	....	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. H. F. Snow	May 1, 1873	2	20	2	....	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....

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57—NEW SWEDEN,													
Rev. Andrew Wiren	July 1, 1872	12	300	12	150	..	8	15	100	30	100	.....	.....
58—NEW VINEYARD,		.....	...	.....	75	..	.....	.....	18	40	...	.....	.....
N. NEW PORTLAND,		.....	...	.....	75	..	.....	.....	19	80	...	.....	.....
W. NEW PORTLAND,		.....	...	.....	75	..	No	Ch.	....	..	...	.....	.....
E. STRONG,		.....	...	.....	75	..	No	Ch.	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. A. W. Benson	July 1, 1872	2	72	2	....	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. J. H. Wyckoff	June 1, 1873	1 1-4	40	1 1-4	....	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
59—N. BELFAST,		.....	...	.....	....	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. W. N. Todd	July 1, 1872	3	96	3	75	2	....	....	16	30	32	25 00	.....
Rev. A. G. Fitz	May 24, 1873	1 1-2	48	1 1-2	....	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
60—N. DEER ISLE,		.....	...	.....	...	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. H. B. Hart	July 1, 1872	12	200	12	50	1	1	1	41	..	45	10 00	7 00
61—NORTHFIELD,		.....	...	.....	...	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. J. H. Wyckoff	July 1, 1872	2 1-2	80	2 1-2	100	1	....	.....	27	30	79	43 00	.....
Rev. Zenas Crowell	June 4, 1873	1	32	1	....	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
62—N. WATERFORD,		.....	...	.....	...	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. W. Newell	July 1, 1872	12	200	12	100	..	....	.....	79	12	90	.....	.....
63—NORWAY, 1st,		.....	...	.....	...	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. H. W. Pope	July 1, 1872	2 1-2	80	2 1-2	110	6	....	.....	60	30	75	50 00	.....
" " "	May 24, 1873	1 1-2	48	1 1-2	....	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
64—NORWAY, 2d,		.....	...	.....	...	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. Geo. W. Kelley	July 1, 1872	12	200	12	135	..	....	5	62	15	100	10 00	27 00
65—N. BANGOR,		.....	...	.....	....	..	No	Ch.	....	..	...	.....	.....
VEAZIE,		.....	...	.....	65	..	....	....	45	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. J. R. Chalmers	July 1, 1872	2 3-4	88	2 3-4	....	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
66—OLDTOWN,		.....	...	.....	...	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. W. H. Rand	July 1, 1872	12	500	4	....	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. R. W. Jenkins	March 9, 1873	3	65	3	65	..	....	....	64	25	35	.....	.....
67—OTISFIELD,		.....	...	.....	...	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. H. A. Loring	June 4, 1873	1	32	1	65		....	....	64	..	...	.....	.....
68—OXFORD,		.....	...	.....	...	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. G. A. Lockwood	July 1, 1872	12	200	12	65	..	4	2	57	18	90	17 00	17 15
69—PASSADUMKEAG,		.....	...	.....	...	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. B. F. Grant	July 1, 1872	11 1-4	188	11 1-4	45	..	....	....	....	..	25	17 50	.....
70—PATTEN,		.....	...	.....	100	..	....	...	60	25	50	14 27	.....
ISLAND FALLS,		.....	...	.....	45	..	....	....	15	..	30	23 59	.....
Rev. J. H. Chalmers	July 1, 1872	2 3-4	88	2 3-4	....	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. W. F. Bickford	Feb. 6, 1853	4 3-4	...	.....	....	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
71—PERRY,		.....	...	.....	...	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. C. L. Guild	July 1, 1872	12	200	9	150	..	....	....	48	..	60	.....	.....
72—PHIPSBURG,		.....	...	.....	...	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. F. L. Bristol	May 24, 1873	1 3-4	56	1 3-4	110	..	....	....	115	..	...	.....	.....
73—POWNAL,		.....	...	.....	...	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. Geo. A. Perkins	Jan. 1, 1873	6	100	6	80	..	....	....	70	10	55	11 00	.....
74—PRESQUE ISLE,		.....	...	.....	...	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. D. H. Hardy	July 1, 1872	12	400	12	100	..	....	....	16	15	130	.....	.....
75—PRINCETON,		.....	...	.....	...	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. J. J. Blair	July 1, 1872	12	250	12	90	1	....	....	47	30	125	30 00	30 00
76—ROBBINSTON & RED BEACH,		.....	...	.....	...	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. Geo. Juchau	July 1, 1872	12	300	9	100	..	....	....	99	20	60	.....	.....
77—ROCKPORT,		.....	...	.....	...	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. A. J. McLeod	July 1, 1872	12	400	4	90	..	....	....	44	15	50	.....	.....
Rev. John K. Forbes	May 24, 1873	1 1-2	48	1 1-2	....	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
78—RUMFORD,		.....	...	.....	...	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. John Elliott	July 1, 1872	12	200	12	65	..	....	....	28	10	34	8 00	7 00
79—ST. ALBANS,		.....	...	.....	75	..	....	....	25	13	90	16 15	.....
ATHENS,		.....	...	.....	150	..	1	....	43	9	100	10 00	.....
PLYMOUTH,		.....	...	.....	25	..	....	....	9	..	40	.....	.....
Rev. W. S. Sewall	July 1, 1872	12	200	12	....	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
80—SANFORD,		.....	...	.....	...	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. E. Chapman	July 1, 1872	12	150	12	75	..	....	....	49	15	50	20 00	5 00
81—SHERMAN,		.....	...	3 pla	ces	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. T. E. Brastow	July 1, 1872	12	400	12	190	..	....	2	85	15	175	15 00	20 00
82—SOLON,		.....	...	.....	...	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. E. N. Smith	July 1, 1872	12	350	12	100	..	....	....	12	12	50	7 82	12 33
83—S. ANSON,	Oct. 1, 1872	1 3-4	56	1 3-4	....	..	....	....	59	..	...	.....	.....
N. NEW PORTLAND,		.....	...	.....	...	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....
Rev. G. W. Hathaway	Sept. 29, 1872	9 1-4	50	2 1-2	....	..	....	....	....	..	...	.....	.....

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83—S. SANFORD,			$									$	$
Rev. A. Bushnell	July 1, 1872	2 1-2	80	2 1-2	65	..	....	....	33	15	35	68 00	.....
Rev. A. H. Thompson	May 24, 1873	1 1-2	48	1 1-2	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	.....	.....
84—S. W. HARBOR,													
Rev. H. M. Perkins	July 1, 1872	12	200	12	95	2	....	....	71	30	75	21 25	4 00
85—STANDISH,													
Rev. S. H. Robinson	May 21, 1873	1 1-2	48	1 1-2	70	..	....	....	46	..	30	.....	.....
86—STEUBEN,													
Rev. R. B. Snell	July 1, 1872	2	72	2	140	7	No	Ch.	60	80	72	.....	.....
Rev. J. A. Freeman	May 24, 1873	1 1-2	48	1 1-2	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	.....	.....
87—STOW & CHATHAM,													
Rev. E. B. Pike	July 1, 1872	12	200	12	60	1	1	....	45	20	60	7 00	37 00
88—STRONG,													
Rev. J. Burnham	July 1, 1872	12	150	9	125	..	....	2	78	15	80	7 00	60 40
Rev. J. S. Cogswell	April 12, 1873	3	48	3	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	.....	.....
89—SUMNER,													
Rev. Amasa Loring	July 1, 1872	12	100	12	100	3	2	2	74	12	60	20 00	57 80
90—TEMPLE,													
Rev. S. Hackett	July 1, 1872	12	125	12	70	..	....	....	58	20	60	10 00	15 00
91—TOPSFIELD & J. BROOK,													
Rev. P. B. Shiere	July 1, 1872	3	96	3	100	..	....	....	31	25	50	54 50	.....
Rev. R. M. Burgess	June 4, 1873	1	32	1	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	.....	.....
92—UNION,													
Rev. F. V. Norcross	July 1, 1872	12	200	12	150	5	5	....	83	30	150	8 60	53 00
93—WASHINGTON,													
Rev. J. C. Boals	July 1, 1872	2 1-2	80	2 1-2	9	..	....	1	16	30	40	10 00	.....
Rev. S. R. Butler	June 7, 1873	1	32	3-4	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	.....	.....
94—WEST CHAPEL, PORTLAND													
Rev. Geo. J. Pierce	July 1, 1872	12	200	12	175	..	....	1	60	20	172	7 00	17 00
95—W. NEWFIELD,													
Rev. Geo. S. Kemp	July 1, 1872	12	150	12	80	1	....	....	54	8	60	18 00	17 00
96—W. TRENTON,													
Rev. John N. M'Loney	July 1, 1872	2	72	2	125	2	No	Ch.	....	60	60	82 00	.....
Rev. John N. M'Loney	May 17, 1873	1 3-4	56	1 3-4	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	.....	.....
97—WHITING,													
Rev. Wm. Veenschoten	July 1, 1872	2 1-2	80	2 1-2	100	..	1	....	27	20	65	99 00	.....
Rev. Wm. Veenschoten	Jan. 1, 1873	3-4	24	3-4	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	.....	.....
Rev. Wm. Veenschoten	May 24, 1873	1 1-2	48	1 1-2	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	.....	.....
98—WHITNEYVILLE,													
Rev. John A. Van Neste	June 1, 1873	1 1-4	40	1 1-4	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	.....	.....
99—WILTON,													
Rev. E. P. Eastman	Dec. 16, 1872	6 1-2	108	6 1-2	125	..	....	....	75	25	85	40 00	25 00
100—WINDHAM,													
Rev. L. Wiswall	July 1, 1872	12	100	12	175	1	3	1	43	10	75	35 00	10 00
101—WINTERPORT,													
Rev. J. G. Willis	July 18, 1872	3	90	3	85	..	2	...	35	..	....	.....	.....
102—WOOLWICH,													
Rev. H. O. Thayer	July 1, 1872	12	100	12	133	..	....	....	93	25	107	16 00	51 25
103—YORK, 2D,													
Rev. Joseph Freeman	July 1, 1872	12	150	12	55	..	....	....	44	12	40	17 50	13 50
104—OLAMON,													
Rev. L. D. Evans	Mar. 22, 1873	2 3-4	55	2 1-2	55	2	No	Ch.	....	..	40	.....	.....
105—SPRINGFIELD,													
Rev. Wm. Peacock	June 5, 1873	1	32	1	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	.....	.....
106—BURLINGTON,													
Rev. Ezra Andrews	June 12, 1873	3-4	24	3-4	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	.....	.....
107—PITTSTON,													
Rev. L. O. Lee	May 24, 1873	1 1-2	48	1 1-2	....	..	....	....	....	..	....	.....	.....

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Prayer by the President, Rev. J. O. Fiske. Sermon by the Rev. John H. Gurney, of Foxcroft,—Text, Luke 9:29, a copy of which was requested for the Press.

The Report of the Treasurer was read by Dea. J. S. Wheelwright. It was accepted, and a vote of thanks passed to the treasurer for his valuable and gratuitous services.

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The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year:

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22. The churches in DENMARK AND SWEDEN have been supplied through the year by Mr. Perry, of Bridgton,—preaching half the time in each. The supply has been acceptable, it is believed, and satisfactory. More of our feeble churches would do well to combine in a similar manner, and thus secure the stated preaching of the gospel, and other means of grace.

29. EAST MADISON enjoyed the labor, last summer, of Mr. A. M. Hills, a young man from Yale. His services were highly appreciated, and were the means of bringing ten into the church, just doubling its number. Most of them were persons having previous hopes, but had long neglected the duty of entering the church, and observing the ordinances. Our missionary regarded the field as one of great promise. The people paid a large part of the expense of the mission. Another young man from Yale is now engaged there for the summer.

31. EASTPORT. Mr. Pierce, who has labored here for two years, to great acceptance, has just left the place, and they are now looking for another man to fill it.

33 and 34. FRANKFORT AND FREEDOM, have each a little church, few and feeble, and are in the midst of a population needing exceedingly the sanctifying powers of the gospel. Missionaries labored with them last summer to great acceptance, and they are thus favored again this summer.

35. GARLAND has long been one of the favored spots in our missionary field. They have enjoyed the pastoral care of the Rev. P. B. Thayer, now almost a quarter of a century. Repeated refreshings from the presence of the Lord, have been granted them, and could they have retained all who have been gathered into the church, it, before this, would have cut loose from its dependence on the M. M. Society. Although no marked progress has been enjoyed the past year, the church may be regarded as in a healthy condition.

36. The church and society in GRAY exhibits a most commendable spirit of enterprise in the support of the gospel. They pay almost two and a quarter per cent. on their taxable property, for the privileges of a stated ministry, and the means of Grace. If the maxim that "God helps those who help themselves," is a general truth, we may confidently ex-

pect that the blessing of Heaven will rest upon them. What they greatly need is the Spirit's presence and power, working deliverance and salvation.

39. HAMPDEN has this month settled a Pastor,—the Rev. J. Evarts Pond, who has labored with them the past eight months, commencing his ministry with a united and happy people, having already had special encouragement in the conversion of several souls, and a few accessions to the church.

In the mean time the church has been sorely bereaved in the death of Dea. Benjamin Crosby, a man of higher attainments in moral excellence and usefulness than is often found in this world. He "used the office of a deacon well," and obtained great "boldness in the faith," and was abundant in labors for the salvation of souls, and the growth and purity of the church. Few churches have been so blessed by the labors of a layman. He was mighty in the scriptures, and has imparted his treasures of knowledge to many in Bible classes and S. Schools. But having served God and his generation to a good old age, he has "come to his grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in his season."

40. The church in HARRISON, though still feeble, has received eight to its communion. They are understood to be happily united under the ministry of Mr. Lincoln, who divides his time between this church and that at North Bridgton.

41. HIRAM was blessed, last year, with a missionary of great enterprise and zeal. He helped to carry forward towards its completion, the work already commenced of providing a house of worship. He appeared before the General Conference last year, and so represented the necessities of the case as to secure many hundreds of dollars towards paying the bills on the house. He also raised by subscription among the people of Hiram, nearly, if not quite $400 toward hiring a minister for a year, from the close of his mission. The house has been completed, and dedicated, and the Rev. R. H. Davis commenced stated labor there the first of October, and was subsequently ordained as an evangelist, and he continues to preach there till this time. Now, only the super-added blessing of God in the bestowment of converting grace is needed to give strength and perpetuity to that little church, which for years has had little else than a name to live.

43. JACKSON AND BROOKS. Nine have been added to this church, and its prospects under the ministry of Mr. Jones, are hopeful.

45. After a mission in the summer by Mr. Brownbill, of the Semin-

ary, the church in KENDUSKEAG obtained the services of the Rev. Amos Redlon, who had preached for years as a F. W. Baptist. He transferred his relation to the Congregational church, and commenced his labors in K., Oct. 1st. His report is very encouraging. His first Sabbath gave him a congregation of thirty in the forenoon and forty in the afternoon. He now has one hundred, with frequent new accessions. An excellent choir, and a Sabbath School of 75, the choice of two deacons, the purchase by the "sisters" of a two acre lot, with the view to a future parsonage—the conversion of two young men, "one of whom has already died happy in the Lord"—a signal temperance revival, which has wonderfully purified the moral atmosphere—these are some of the related facts full of promise for the future. Seldom is there found evidence of more abundant and faithful labor on the part of the missionaries of the cross.

46. KENNEBUNKPORT, 1st. This ancient church, now nearly a century and a half old, still exhibits signs of a vigorous life. It, and the society associated with it, show a worthy estimation of a preached gospel by the liberal provision they make for its support—paying 13 1-2 mills on the dollar for this purpose. The prospects of the church, it is hoped, are brightening.

47. KINGMAN. This is a new settlement on the Mattawamkeag river, built up by a large tannery. The proprietors, though not professedly religious, wishing to preserve the place from intemperance, and its attendant vices, are favorably disposed to the establishment of a preached gospel. This place has been supplied regularly from Bangor Seminary since the latter part of Sept. A Sabbath School has been gathered, numbering 74, and the people have paid a good part of the expense of the means of grace afforded them. A missionary is laboring there for the summer.

49. LITCHFIELD. The Rev. J. T. Hawes, a fit successor of "Father Thurston" in this field, still labors with this church, long since said to have been formed of "Bible Christians." Like most of our rural churches, it suffers from emigration, but still makes most commendable efforts to sustain religious ordinances. No special progress has been made the past year, but it costs no slight effort for such a church to hold its own. The visits of the Spirit are much needed.

50. LOVELL has been destitute much of the time since the dismission of their late pastor, Rev. J. Smith, but has been supplied with constant preaching the past year by the Rev. E. F. Abbott, whose labors have been acceptable and useful. Six have been added to the church.

The church has been greatly bereaved in the death of Dea. Benj. Stearns, a man distinguished for exemplary piety and usefulness. He was a licensed preacher, and in the absence of a Pastor, often supplied the pulpit in the part of the town where he lived. He has left an honorable christian record, and his removal is deeply mourned. Death found him in the sanctuary.

51. MADISON. The Pastor reports two conversions. The people have made extensive repairs upon their house of worship, at an expense of $1500,—$975 raised by the people of the Society—$525 by the liberality of friends abroad. The house has been shingled and plastered—painted inside and out—aisles and pulpit carpeted—a musical instrument and bell, and granite door steps, procured and put in their appropriate places. All the appointments of the house are now convenient, tasteful and inviting, well adapted to the worship of the Holy One. We may hope it will be consecrated anew by the wondrous triumphs of divine grace.

56. MONMOUTH enjoyed a precious work of grace—though not extensive, last summer and autumn—under the labors of Mr. T. D. Childs, from Yale Seminary. He reported 15 hopeful conversions. Eight were added to the church, one of them a young lady in her sick room. She was there baptized, and the Lord's Supper administered to her. She went gently down towards the grave, and sweetly fell asleep in Jesus.

Could our missionary have remained through the year, there is reason to believe the good work would have been far more extensive.

57. MONSON. It was said in the last year's report, that "The most extensive revival in any mission field had occurred under the ministry of the Rev. A. H. Tyler, in Monson and Blanchard." The past year Mr. Tyler has given his time and labor to Monson. This still seems a favored church. Six conversions are reported, 16 added to the church by profession, and one by letter. The missionary writes:

"Sixty-eight have united with the church since I began my ministry here three years ago. We have had no case of discipline. All the converts hold on their way remarkably, apparently more interested now than when they first believed. Our prayer meetings are fully attended, and very interesting. There has been no falling off in this respect. There appears to be a steady growth. The congregation has a steady increase."

58. MOOSE RIVER. This station is within 14 miles of Canada. Our missionary reached there the 17th of May, and had a sleigh ride

on his way of 16 miles. But he found warm hearts to give him a cordial reception. He writes that, "They have been keeping meetings with preaching service, all winter, and their man had just left, so that my coming saved a break in their meetings. The preaching they had had during the winter was an expounding of the Scripture, by an old Irishman, formerly in the employ of the London Missionary Society. I think they got the gospel as it is, and not perverted." The Sabbath School, the prayer meetings, and the Sabbath meetings, are well attended. The people are engaged in building a house designed both for schools and public worship, to be completed in August. They find it will cost some hundreds more than was expected, and the doubt is expressed of their being able to pay much of the expense of the mission. This is eminently missionary ground. This is the third year we have sent missionaries there, and it is believed that some of the people have been converted, though no church has been organized.

59. MT. DESERT. A hard, rocky soil. Our missionary labors for several years yield little fruit.

61. NEW SWEDEN. Eight have been added to this church by profession, and fifteen by letter. Our missionary preaches to a congregation of 150—has a Sabbath school of 100. He has a large and laborious field, and probably practices more self-denial, and endures more hardship, than any other missionary in the State. This Swedish colony is, on the whole, believed to be prospering. New immigrants continue to come from time to time. Some are expected this summer.

66. NORTH WATERFORD. The Rev. W. Newall is absent, leaving this church for a settlement in Mass., thus increasing the number of our vacancies.

67. NORWAY, 1ST. Mr. H. W. Pope, from Yale Seminary, performed an acceptable and useful mission here last year. God blessed the word preached, and several souls were brought to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus. At the earnest desire of the people, Mr. Pope has returned for another summer's mission. It is hoped he may again win souls to Christ.

68. NORWAY, 2D. Mr. Kelley, who has labored with this church the past year, has left, and they are now destitute. As with most of our mission churches, no marked change or progress has been made the past year. This church occupies an important field, and should not long be without a pastor.

72. The church in OXFORD has received six members, and is having,

under the ministry of Mr. Lockwood, a gradual and healthy growth. They are in expectation of soon coming into possession of a comfortable house for a parsonage, which will much increase the probability of a permanent ministry.

74. PATTEN AND ISLAND FALLS. These churches have now a supply. Mr. F. W. Bickford entered upon a mission here in February, to be extended till the close of our missionary year. These churches have now engaged his services for eight more months—thus extending his mission to the close of February, 1874. They still lean heavily on M. M. Society. One of their ablest supporters—a man who loved the cause, and who, though residing 40 miles away from Patten, paid fifty dollars a year to aid them in supporting preaching, himself could seldom hear—has been called to the higher service of heaven. Others have been called away by death, leaving less strength to support the gospel than in former years.

75. PERRY is again destitute, Mr. Guild having removed to Massachusetts.

78. PRESQUE ISLE. Mr. Hardy still labors here to great acceptance, but as yet the converting power of the Holy Spirit is withheld.

79. PRINCETON. Mr. Blair closes his labors with this church, the present month; leaving them, so far as is known to the trustees, in a destitute state.

80. ROBBINSTON AND RED BEACH. Mr. Juchau has closed his labors in this field, and they are in search of another man to preach to them the unsearchable riches of Christ.

81. ROCKPORT. Mr. McLeod, although commissioned here for twelve months, left at the expiration of four months, accepting a call to settle over the church in Waldoboro, where he has been ordained and installed as pastor. Mr. J. K. Fowler, from Union Seminary, N. Y., is laboring with this church, for the summer, to great acceptance.

82. RUMFORD. This church has been sorely bereaved by the death of two principal men; one a deacon, and both "trustees in the Society." Much of the wisdom and weight of the church has thus been removed, and its pecuniary resources reduced. The pastor cries out, "Help Lord, for the godly man ceaseth." Who is to fill the places of these good brethren, it is not easy to see.

84. SANFORD. This church, which for years has been in a languishing and disheartened state, its house of worship so decayed as to be scarcely fit for use, has rallied its scattered forces, and made most impor-

tant repairs upon the house, fitting it to be a convenient and delightful place of worship, and the bills upon it all paid. Our missionary writes: "The congregation has been nearly if not quite doubled by this good work on their house. The Sabbath School is prospering. The temporal and social interests of the Society are greatly improved. What we need for the church and for the community, is a genuine revival of religion."

85. SHERMAN. Mr. Brastow encounters some infelicities growing out of the newness of the place, but still has a hopeful field of labor. His plans of labor exhibit a purpose to endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. If his life and health are preserved, he may look for success. Some signs of good already appear.

86. SOLON. Mr. Smith has here labored through the year to such acceptance that the people desire still to retain his services for the year to come. He gathers a good congregation on the Sabbath, has a Sabbath School of fifty; but the church is very small. The need of the Holy Spirit's visitation is clearly seen and deeply felt.

89. S. W. HARBOR. This place is a part of the town of Tremont, on the Island of Mt. Desert. Our missionary here—the son of the late Rev. Justin Perkins, missionary among the Nestorians, of Persia—was ordained as an evangelist, Aug. 14, 1872. Mr. Perkins divides his labor each Sabbath between two neighborhoods, and lectures in school houses during the week. He is modest in his demands, asking a salary of only $600. Two conversions are reported, and on the whole, he finds encouragement in his work.

90. The Rev. Mr. Hopkins, after supplying the pulpit of the church in STANDISH, with great ability and fidelity, for six years, gave up the charge of it at the close of the last missionary year, and removed from the place. A young man from Yale Seminary is there now for a summer mission.

91. STEUBEN. A Baptist church formerly flourished in this place, but has become nearly or quite extinct. A few Methodists reside in the place, but the people are sadly destitute of the means of grace, and desire was expressed that the M. M. Society would send them a missionary. Last year, Mr. Richard B. Snell, a young man from Yale, was appointed to a sixteen weeks mission. He was cordially received, and much religious interest was awakened. He preached to a congregation of 140 on the Sabbath—had from 50 to 75 at his weekly prayer meeting—gathered a Sabbath School of 80, and reported 7 hopeful conversions.

Another young man from Yale labors there this summer. There being no church organization, the state of affairs seems not quite as hopeful as at the close of the last summer's mission. Still he finds some warm friends and hearty co-operators, and much work to be done. Two adjoining towns are seeking a portion of his labor.

92. STOW AND CHATHAM. This little church suffers a sore bereavment in the removal of their minister to Boothbay, where he will have a larger field of labor, and more souls to be won to Christ. May the Chief Shepherd watch over and preserve this bereaved little flock, in which are some of God's precious ones.

93. STRONG. The Rev. J. Burnham closed his labors with this church, April 1st. His residence being in Farmington, the church in Strong, though highly esteeming his Sabbath services, felt the need of more pastoral care and labor than he could bestow, and, therefore, declined employing him longer. They were favored by obtaining almost immediately the services of the Rev. J. S. Cogswell, recently dismissed from Holden. The people are much interested in his ministry, and take decisive measures for his support.

94. SUMNER reports three conversions, and four additions to the church. These signs of life are quite encouraging.

95. TEMPLE. Our missionary here lives on a less salary, probably, than any other of our ministers in this State. He serves a small church of 58 members—Sabbath School of 60—Sabbath congregation of 70, and they pay him $125 a year, and ask this society to add as much more, making a salary of $250. Yet good Brother Hackett, now enjoying a green old age, is helping souls on to heaven.

97. UNION. The history of this church furnishes a fine proof of the value of this Missionary Society. For many years it has depended on it for help in sustaining a preached gospel, and must have been destitute a large part of the time, but for this help. God has blessed the labors of their minister, and the church now numbers 83—Sabbath congregation 150, Sabbath School 150. Last year they expended a large sum in repairing their house of worship. Now, "they have just fitted up their vestry in good shape, and furnished it with settees. The church was never better united, nor more harmonious. Zion is gradually lengthening her cords, and strengthening her stakes in the community." The probability is that she will be able ere long to cut loose from dependence upon charitable aid. Five conversions and five additions reported.

104. WILTON has made a decided movement the past year. It has obtained as stated supply, the Rev. E. P. Eastman, late of Conway, N. H., in whom they are most happily united, and have purchased a house for a parsonage at an expense of $1500. They have a Sabbath congregation of 125. Their prospects were probably never more full of promise.

105. WINDHAM—a hard field, well cultivated, and some fruit gathered—one conversion, and four additions to the church. After a history of about 130 years, it is still feeble. Emigration saps its strength. While it blesses others by the sons and daughters it sends forth, itself is made weak.

107. WOOLWICH. This church is 108 years old this month. While it may have trained many for heaven, and done much towards building up other churches in the land, it has felt obliged to call for aid in sustaining the ordinances of religion at home. The past year has been marked by no special changes. A general, and good attention has been paid to the ordinary means of grace, and things have moved on pleasantly. What they have needed is what most of the churches of the State have needed,—the breath of Heaven upon the valley of death, that dry bones may live.

Note. If any one should look over the preceding pages he will observe that many churches have been omitted in these notices. It hardly seemed wise to lumber the report with notices of churches, respecting which there was nothing of interest to report.

SUMMARY.

Sixty-three years of missionary labor have been performed the past year. One hundred and twenty-six missionaries have been employed, of whom forty have labored through the year—thirteen, between six and twelve months. The residue for a shorter period, ranging from one-half a month to five months. They have preached the gospel to congregations numbering 10,395,—1,964 at the weekly prayer meetings, 6,548 in the Sabbath Schools. The whole number of members in the churches is 5,082; contributions $3,632.59, of which $2,214 were for the Maine Missionary Society. Our missionaries have preached to 108 churches, and in 14 places where no churches exist.

In respect to conversions, and additions to the churches, the reports of the past year are exceedingly meager. The conversions are fewer than for any one of the preceding ten years—conversions reported, 88. Additions to the church by profession, 111—by letter, 54. In the mean time more missionaries have been in the field than in any previous year, and more years of labor have been performed. There is something very humiliating in the thought that sixty-three years' preaching of that gospel which is the "power of God unto salvation," should be the means of winning less than one hundred souls. One man's ministry extending through three score years, would be regarded as painfully barren, if only one hundred were savingly benefitted. It is but poor relief that is found in the fact that there have been very few revivals in any of the churches of the General Conference—that its report will probably be equally meager. Be it so,—then is the cause for deep humiliation still broader and deeper.

FLUCTUATIONS IN THE MINISTRY.

How far these will account for our limited success is a grave question. No less than ten of our missionaries are leaving the places where they have labored the past year, and others begin to talk of leaving. We are rapidly falling into a most undignified sort of itineracy. It is

without system, or any regulating principle. It seems to have no other control than the fastidious freaks and whims of either ministers, or churches. Which of these classes have the most influence in producing this state of things, or the graver responsibility for the evils incident thereto, it is not easy to decide. Itineracy, like that of the Methodist church, regulated by some judicious system, and controlled by some central power, has dignity and efficiency, and may well command respect. But when the changes in our ministry are almost as frequent as in theirs—changes which leave churches utterly at a loss where to find pastors, and ministers where to find parishes, the custom is without dignity or efficiency. The average length of pastorates, or stated supplies, in this State the last year was but three years, three months and thirteen days. The old style by which our denomination was formerly characterized, as "the standing order," should be exchanged for something less stable. Although we have not ministers enough to meet our wants, not a few are adrift without stated employment, some of whom doubtless, by this time, have come to sympathize with the descendant of Eli, who prayed to be put into the priest's office, that he might eat a piece of bread. They may be good men, and faithful preachers of the gospel, but the fastidiousness of the age excludes them from many a pulpit, and the churches languish for want of pastoral care.

This is one of the growing evils of the times, calling for corrective appliances such as the wisdom of the church may be able to prescribe and adopt.

THE TREASURY.

The Maine Missionary Society, from three sources receives its income—the annual contributions of the churches and societies worshipping with them—legacies—and permanent funds. The amount received from legacies is exceedingly variable and uncertain—some years amounting to several thousands, and some, to only a few hundreds. Last year the treasurer received from this source $7,529.72. This year, receipts from this source amount only to the small sum of $761.00, falling off almost $7,000.

Such a reduction in the amount of legacies must prove embarrassing to the trustees in conducting the operations of the society, unless the grace of giving, on the part of the churches, shall have been more abundantly exercised than is common.

The appropriations of the past year are larger than in any previous

year. They amounted to $17,545—exceeding those of last year, $2,329. The receipts of the year, closing to-day from all sources, are $17,335.49, exclusive of $6100 of loans called in. This will not cover the expense of the society, ($2,184.49). Although the treasury reports a balance on hand of $2,153.94, yet orders have been drawn for more than $5,000, for money now due the missionaries—nor does this cover all the indebtedness of the society by several hundred dollars,—so unless the receipts at this meeting shall exceed $3,000, the treasurer will be unable to meet all the outstanding indebtedness.*

HISTORICAL.

A Review of the past furnishes indubitable evidence of the extensive usefulness of our Missionary Society. It was organized 1807. Its resources for the first year, were $172.21, and it employed but one missionary, a small part of the year. Its income has gradually increased, till, in 65 years it has amounted to a little more than half a million, averaging $7638 per year. For the last nine years the receipts have averaged between fifteen and sixteen thousand per year, ($15,485.)

This half million of dollars has been expended in the work of missions in Maine. It has aided in preaching the gospel more than a thousand years (1058). Allowing each missionary to preach 120 sermons a year—for until recently, missionaries could preach twice on the Sabbath, and give lectures in the week also—and the number of sermons preached would reach one hundred and twenty-six thousand nine hundred and sixty (126,960). This Society has assisted in their feebleness all the Congregational churches of this State save forty-five. Many among our strong and self-sustaining churches once drew a part of their support from our treasury. Now, the Society annually assists about one hundred feeble churches, and carries the gospel into sundry towns and neighborhoods where no churches exist. Our missionaries have been the patrons of education and morality—the advocates of all wise reforms—the promoters of intelligence, and social requirements, and the general elevation of society. More and better than all this, they have been the means of winning thousands to the love and service of the Son of God, and training them for the final home of the saints. Two generations of

*The treasury has been overdrawn. Yet the liabilities of the society, by the first of October next, will exceed $6,000. Where are the strong, liberal men, who will come to the rescue?

God's people have passed away since this Society commenced the work of preaching the gospel to the poor. How many of them owe their seats in Paradise to the benevolent work of this Society, may not be known till "The dead, small and great, shall stand before God, and the books be opened." But that thousands are now sweeping their harps of gold, and praising God for the influence of this agency, we need not doubt.

This review of our work may well call forth our gratitude to God, and inspire us with new zeal in efforts to give it a wider sweep, and more effective influence.

THE WORK REMAINING,

To be done, is far greater than that accomplished. Not only in towns, where our missionaries labor, but in all places where the gospel is preached, only a minority—and generally but a small minority—become its cordial receivers. Hence the grave question is suggested: Is it the design of the great Head of the Church, that the gospel, wherever faithfully preached, shall so permeate and transform society that the masses shall become truly loyal to God? How else shall we understand the prophetic utterance as quoted by the Apostle: "They shall not teach every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying; Know the Lord; for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest."

Let the people, generally, in our small towns, become true and loving disciples of Christ, and be gathered into his kingdom as loyal subjects, and most of these towns would be able to sustain the ordinances of religion without charitable aid. It is not generally that they are so poor that they need the out-stretched hand of charity, but because the masses are alien from the gospel, and feel little or no interest in its support.

Is it not possible that these masses can be reached by the gospel, and gathered into the church, as living and earnest workers in the cause? Or must we come to the conclusion, that either the gospel is inadequate to accomplish such wonders of grace, or else there is some capital defect in the manner of its administration? The gospel has proved itself equal to the most marvelous results in the change it has wrought in the character of its most bitter enemies. From the days of Saul of Tarsus, to the present age, it has subdued, and transformed to cordial friends, some of the most unbelieving and hardened men—cleansed some of the most polluted—raised to moral dignity multitudes of the most degraded. We cannot therefore allege the inadequacy of the gospel in explanation of the painful fact, that the masses yield not to its claims. Attended

by the Holy Spirit, it has proved itself equal to the greatest marvels of grace and power.

Its failure to reach and recover the masses must then be ascribed to its imperfect administration, or else resolved into the Sovereignty of God, perhaps partly to both. There is, doubtless, much imperfection in the manner of administering the gospel—so much, that God is not pleased to give it full success. Who can doubt that the gospel would accomplish much greater wonders, make more extensive and glorious conquests, if all who preach it were far holier men? If they were imbued with more of the spirit of self-denial, were penetrated with deeper compassion for the perishing, and fired with more fervid zeal in efforts to save them? Let the ministry be more Pauline and Christ-like in character, and the church more fully exemplify the spirit and power of the gospel, and our annual gatherings would be relieved of their meager reports. Having gone forth weeping, bearing precious seed, we should doubtless come together again with rejoicings, and if not bringing our sheaves with us, reporting glorious ingatherings into the garner of the Lord. What true minister of Christ does not, every year, have the self-accusatory feeling that he ought to be more successful?

Perhaps it may be said, that when the divine Spirit attends a preached gospel, imperfect as is the preaching, it seems clothed with pristine power, and wonders are accomplished; and revival scenes are referred to as proofs. The influence may hence be drawn, that the withholding of the Spirit is the explanation of our limited success. True as this may be, it is inquired, are there not certain conditions on which the presence and aid of the Spirit may be more frequently and abundantly obtained? conditions devolving upon us solemn obligations? What mean the numerous promises of God made to the prayer of faith? promises indicating God's readiness to grant saving blessings when inquired of by his people?

The great commission is, "Go, and disciple all nations." Can we reverently assume that God does not make accessible to his people all the instrumentalities and agencies needful to the fulfillment of this commission? Does God require more than a man hath, or may have? Like the Egyptian task-master, does he require the tale of bricks without furnishing straw? Here we tread on delicate ground, and need to be cautious, lest unwittingly we array against infinite excellency, charges we wish not to meet in the judgment?

Is not the position well sustained, that God makes accessible to his people all the help they need in accomplishing the work he requires of them? How vast, then, are their responsibilities touching the conver-

sion of the world. How vast the responsibilities of the Maine Missionary Society, including its patrons, its members, its officers, and its missionaries, in regard to the thorough evangelization of this State, and the recovery of its inhabitants to their allegiance to God?

VALUABLE DONATION.

The Trustees would make grateful mention of a donation to M. M. Society of four elegantly bound volumes of the annual reports and sermons of the society, by the Rev. S. C. Fessenden, the first pastor of the church in Rockland. The series of reports is complete, with one exception—that of 1812. Four sermons are missing—that preached by Dr. Payson in 1812, but which may be found in the third volume of his published works—that by President Appleton in 1818, which may be found in the second volume of his published works. Blank leaves are bound into the first volume in the right places for these sermons, so that they may be there transcribed and preserved. The sermons of 1827 and 1831 were preached by the Revs. Enos Merrill and Perez Chapin, but were never printed, nor can the manuscripts now be found. These volumes are to be preserved in the archives of the society, and will be valuable as reference and historical documents.

Besides these four volumes of sermons and reports, Mr. Fessenden has also presented to the society two large bound volumes containing a full set of the annual minutes of the Maine Conference of Congregational Churches. For the valuable donation of these several volumes, Mr. Fessenden deserves, and, it is hoped, will receive, the thanks of this Society.

THE AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

Is still in the field, prosecuting its work with great vigor. It has employed the past year, 951 missionaries in thirty different States and Territories. The number of congregations and missionary stations supplied, in whole or in part, is 2,145. The aggregate of ministerial labor performed is equal to 714 years. The number of pupils in the S. Schools, is 74,000. Eighty-nine churches have been organized; fifty houses of worship completed—93 repaired—33 others in the process of erection—nearly 3000 hopeful conversions—5,725 additions to the churches.

The receipts of the Society were $267,691.42, its expenditures $278,830.24.

The Executive Committee say, "We cannot close this review of another year without bringing home to our hearts, and to all that love this Society, the solemn and delightful assurance that the same divine blessing which has been its honor and glory, and which has made it, from the first, an instrument for the salvation of tens of thousands, is resting

upon it still. Again we record, with fervent gratitude, what God hath wrought by its hand, in establishing and enlarging the church and kingdom of Jesus Christ, our Lord. By his gracious spirit and favoring providence, he has vindicated its method, and its work at the bar of history, and to the judgment of men. His word at its mouth, has not returned unto him void, but has prospered in the thing whereto he sent it. Going forth at the opening of the year, bearing precious seed, it comes again at its close, bringing its sheaves with it. It has planted and watered, and God has given increase. The churches were multiplied, and daily were added unto them such as should be saved."

OUR WHOLE COUNTRY.

Its condition and prospects must be an object of deep interest to the philanthropist and christian. Its vast extent—its wonderous agricultural capabilities—its exhaustless mineral treasures—its limitless water power—its unrivaled lakes and rivers as the highways of commerce—make it almost certain that hundreds of millions of immortal beings, from generation to generation, must here make their earthly home. Rapidly is it filling up. They come from all lands and all climes, bringing with them the various religions of the world, and the skeptical philosophies of the nations.

How these vast multitudes are to be evangelized, and brought under the transforming power of the gospel, is a question the American church must meet. Its responsibility is unspeakably great. Is there not a demand for a new spirit of consecration in the church—one that shall prompt her to act as never before, under the full power of the truth, that her gold and silver, her sons and daughters belong to God—that they all are to be consecrated to God in the great work which brought the Lord Jesus Christ into the world—to seek and to save that which was lost. Has the church yet half learned what full consecration means? Do not her accumulated treasures, grasped firmly and retained in unemployed possession, or else expended in ways demanded by a worldly spirit—her sons and daughters trained, not so much with reference to service in the Lord's vineyard, as for the respectabilities and comforts of the present life, clearly show that in this matter of consecration, the church has much to learn—great progress to make?

In achieving this world's redemption, all should feel bound to bear a part; and when they have laid their all upon the altar of God, say with Israel's royal monarch, "All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee." And who, then, is willing thus to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?

TREASURER

Dr. JOSHUA MAXWELL IN ACCOUNT WITH T

1873.

June.—To balance in the Treasury as settled June 24, 1873..... $3,5

RECEIVED FROM PERMANENT FUND AS FOLLOWS:

To received from dividend Casco Bank, $200, Canal Bank, $260.....	$460 00	
" " " " Manuf. Bank $77.00, State Bank $47.50..	124 50	
" " " " Lewiston Falls Manf. Co.,.....	70 00	
" " " " Portland, Saco & Portsmouth Railroad,	30 00	
" " " " U. S. Stock, $74.01, Portland City, $60.00,	134 01	
" " " " Bath City, $120.00, P. & Rochester, $91.00	211 00	
		$1,0
" " Income on Wm. B. Sewall Fund.....		3

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.

To received from Mr. M. D. Stone, refunded.....	8 00	
" " on Loans.....6,100 00		
" " " " for Interest.....	376 75	
" " dividend Savings Bank, Saco.....	33 01	
" " for U. S. Bond, Coupon off, $1000, Premium $1.25.....	1,125 00	
" " " " " " $1,100, Premium $217.28....	1,317 28	
" " Rev. Dr. Thurston, Preacher	160 00	
		$9,1

LEGACIES.

To received from late Mrs. Kingman Drake, Sangerville.....	10 00	
" " " " Huldah Blanchard, Yarmouth	190 00	
" " " " Hannah Hovey, Warren.....	200 00	
" " " " Mrs. L. W. Maxwell, Wells, (annual).....	6 00	
" " " " Amos Gage, Windham.....	230 00	
" " " " Abijah Hall, South Paris	125 00	
		$7
Received from churches, collections, donations, annuities, life-membership, &c.....		9,5
		$22,4

REPORT.

AINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY. *Cr.*

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ne.—By paid Missionaries on Trustees' orders				$15,521 06
" " Rev. Dr. Thurston, salary		$1,200 00		
" " Rev. Dr. Thurston, travelling expenses, stationery, &c...		188 56		
" " Brown, Thurston & Co., bills		245 40		
" " Charles A. Lord, bills		67 91		
" " on Sewall Fund to Mrs. Narcissa S. Bourne		231 25		
" " on Wm. B. Sewall Fund to Judge Bourne		337 79		
" " to Permanent Fund Bath Bond 1000, P. & Rochester, $191.85		1,191 85		
" " " " " St. Louis $1000 Bond and int. $904.50		904 50		
" " " " " Portland City $500 Bond, Coupon off, $457 50		457 50		
" " " " " Portland City, Azra Abbott, Will, $500 Bond and interest,		470 25		
" " " " " 2 shares Bank Stock, Calvin Starrett,		200 00		
" " church in Jackson, per Ezra Abbott Will		30 00		
" " interest to Mrs. Ansel Field		70 00		
" " tax on State Bank Stock, Boston, $7.86		7 86		
" " Treasurer's account as per bill rendered		57 62		
			5760 49	
Balance in Treasury as settled this day			2153 94	
			$23,435 49	

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We have examined the foregoing account, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched, and showing a balance in the Treasury two thousand one hundred fifty-three and 94-100 dollars, ($2,153.94).

GEO. F. THURSTON,
THOMAS R. HAYES.

PORTLAND, June 23, 1873.

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

Aroostook Conference.

County Conference	$26 00	Kingman	50 00
Island Falls	23 59	Sherman	15 00
Patten	30 07		
Passadumkeag	17 50		$172 16
Lincoln	10 00		

Cumberland Conference.

Standish	16 50	Cumberland	33 14
Windham	25 00	North Yarmouth	20 00
Auburn	300 52	Ligonia	30 00
West Auburn	63 50	Yarmouth, 1st	162 15
Portland 2d church	49 20	Yarmouth Central	65 75
" State Street	255 65	Gray	1 00
" High Street*	709 06	Woodford's Corner church	10 50
" Plymouth	170 20	Saccarappa	21 73
" St. Lawrence Street	29 00	Pownal	11 00
" Seamans Chapel	10 00	Lewiston	121 33
" Williston Chapel	2 00	Falmouth, 1st	13 00
Durham	11 10	Scarboro	20 00
Brunswick	215 96	Freeport	43 40
Harpswell	8 45	South Freeport	44 50
Gorham	11 00		$2,495 64
Bailey's Island	12 00		

Franklin Conference.

Wilton	40 75	Farmington	60 25
Weld	12 50	County Conference	13 50
Temple	10 00		$144 00
Strong	7 60		

Hancock Conference.

Ellsworth	60 00	West Trenton	82 00
Brooksville	57 25	Amherst	21 00
Castine	64 00	County Conference	10 00
Deer Isle	10 00		$423 18
Bucksport	117 93		

Kennebec Conference.

Augusta	305 08	Benton	20 00
Waterville	19 00	Monmouth	84 00
Winslow	62 50	Richmond	36 65
Hallowell	156 70	Litchfield	15 00
Winthrop	32 00		$805 03
Gardiner	66 85		
Pittston	7 25		

Lincoln and Sagadahoc Conference.

Bath, Winter Street	383 86	Edgecomb	43 00
Bath, Central	179 55	Union	8 00
Waldoboro	24 00	Washington	10 00
Newcastle, 1st	15 75	Topsham	16 00
Newcastle, 2d	41 50	Thomaston	43 00
Alna	13 40		$805 00
Bristol	10 92		
Wiscasset	20 50		

Oxford Conference.

Sumner	20 00	Oxford	17 00
Norway, 1st	50 00		$139 00
Andover	52 00		

*Contribution of two years.

Penobscot Conference.

Bangor, 1st	187 64	Hampden	50 50
" Central	300 00	Brewer Village	9 00
" Hammond Street	164 61	Dedham	26 00
Holden	20 00	Oldtown	18 15
Kenduskeag	16 00		
Brewer, 1st	48 74		$840 64

Piscataquis Conference.

Brownville	30 50	Sangerville	1 00
Garland	72 00	Foxcroft	50 00
Monson	58 00		
Blanchard	17 00		$228 10

Somerset Conference.

Skowhegan	24 57	Bingham	25 00
Norridgewock	41 00	Moose River	54 50
Anson	11 00	Solon	7 82
Madison	35 00	East Madison	80 00
St. Albans	15 28		
State Conference	58 55		$363 25
Athens	10 55		

Union Conference.

Denmark	8 60	Union Conference	45 00
Waterford	8 00	Naples	5 00
Stow and Chatham	10 00	Lowell	26 00
Albany	75 23	Harrison	10 82
South Bridgton	27 25	Fryeburg	59 45
Hiram	60 00	North Bridgton	11 00
Casco	16 64		
Brownfield	26 25		$389 24

Waldo Conference.

Belfast	64 50	Stockton	5 00
Searsport	105 00	County Conference	27 00
Winterport	42 00	Jackson and Brooks	30 00
Frankfort	27 00		
North Belfast	25 00		$325 50

Washington Conference.

Red Beach	2 50	Perry	10 00
Princeton	50 00	Calais	50 00
Northfield	43 00	East Machias	20 20
Whitneyville & Marshfield	32 75	Eastport	25 00
Whiting	99 00	Machias	100 00
Cooper	75 00	Robbinston	17 00
Topsfield & Jackson Brook	54 50		
County Conference	49 84		$628 79

York Conference.

Alfred	52 00	Sandford	27 57
Biddeford	35 00	York, 1st	25 75
Kennebunkport	20 00	Wells, 1st	37 00
Cornish	14 00	Saco	104 16
Acton	25 00	Kennebunk	85 86
South Sandford	68 00	Buxton Center	20 00
Kennebunkport, South	20 25	York, 2d	17 20
Elliott	10 00	West Newfield	20 00
Biddeford, 1st	20 00		
South Berwick	207 70		$802 09

Miscellaneous.

Portland, a Lady friend	$1000 00	Chicago, a Friend	10 00
" Individuals	4 00	Orange, N. J.	10 00
Wethersfield, Ct., a Lady friend	4 00	Cor. Secretary for Preaching	160 00
Worcester, Mass., a Friend	10 00		
Hartford, Ct., a Friend	8 00		$1,216 00
Boston, a Friend	10 00		

The amount in the foregoing table is $9,771.99.

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MINISTERS FROM MAINE IN FOREIGN LANDS.

HENRY BLODGET, D. D., Bucksport Church, Yale Seminary, 1848 .....Pekin, China.
ELIAS BOND, Hallowell Ch., Bangor Sem., 1840 .....Kohala (Hawaii), Sandwich Islands.
GEORGE P. CLAFLIN, Bangor First Ch., Bangor Sem., 1850 .....Lawana, West Africa.
ROYAL M. COLE, Bangor, Hammond-st. Ch., Bangor Sem., 1868...Erzroom, Eastern Turkey.
DANIEL DOLE, Bloomfield Ch., Bangor Sem., 1859.....Koloa (Kauai), Sandwich Islands.
JOSEPH K. GREENE, Lewiston Ch., Union Sem., N. Y., 1858 .....Constantinople, Turkey.
JOSEPH P. GREEN, Bangor Central Ch., Bangor Sem., 1863, Honolulu (Oahu) S. Islands.
CYRUS HAMLIN, D. D., L. L. D., Portland Second Church, Bangor Seminary, 1837,
President Robert College, Constantinople, Turkey.
JOHN D. PARIS, Bangor, Hammond-st. Ch., Bangor Sem., 1839, So. Kona (Hawaii), S. Islands.
JOHN E. PIERCE, Bangor Central Ch., Bangor Sem., 1868 .....Erzroom, Eastern Turkey.
BENJ. G. SNOW, Brewer First Ch., Bangor Sem., 1849..Ebon (Marshall's Island), Micronesia.
WILLIAM A. SPAULDING, Newcastle Second Ch., Bangor Sem., 1870.....Nicomedia, Turkey.
JAMES E. WALKER, Bangor First Ch., Bangor Sem., 1871 .....Foochow, China.
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ITS OBJECT.—To promote intercourse and harmony among the churches of the State, and to produce a more extensive co-operation in every good work.

MEMBERSHIP.—Six delegates from each County Conference which has twenty or more churches,—three ministers and three laymen; and four delegates from each County Conference which has less than twenty churches,—two ministers and two laymen; and also the officers, preachers and committees for the time for which they were chosen; the delegates who the preceding year fulfilled their appointment; and the minister of the place where the Conference meets.

Both ministers and others present may, at the discretion of the Moderator, be invited to participate in the deliberations, though only members have the right to vote.

SESSIONS AND OFFICERS.—Annual Meeting, on the Tuesday preceding the fourth Wednesday of June. The Moderator, Corresponding and Recording Secretary, are elected tri-ennially. A Committee of Arrangements; of Nominations; of Publications; and one from each Local Conference, to visit the Theological Seminary, Bangor, are provided by the Rules, and appointed annually.

The returns of the Churches to be made up to, and include the first Sabbath in May of each year,—to be forwarded to the Scribe of the County or Local Conference, during the *week following*. The Report of the Local Conference, to be forwarded by the Reporter, or Scribe, to the Corresponding Secretary of the General Conference, on or before the first day of June. (See page 124 of the Minutes for 1871.)

By vote of the Conference, one copy of the Minutes (including the Maine Missionary Reports and Sermon,) is sent to each minister, and one to each church in the Conference, by mail, pre-paid. It would be desirable to keep one copy permanently, with the records of the church, for preservation, and for reference. Extra copies will be furnished at thirty cents per copy, which will also include the postage. Apply to E. F. Duren, Bangor, Chairman of the Committee of Publication.

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Rev. WILLIAM M. BARBOUR.....*Secretary*.....Bangor.
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Receivers and Reporters.

Aroostook Conference,—Rev. W. T. Sleeper, of Caribou; *Cumberland*.—Rev. A. Blanchard, Cumberland Mills, Westbrook; *Franklin*,—Rev. G. N. Marden, of Farmington; *Hancock*,—Rev. A. H. Tebbetts, of Bluehill; *Kennebec*,—Rev. C. G. McCully, of Hallowell; *Lincoln and Sagadahoc*,—Rev. A. J. McLeod. of Waldoboro; *Oxford*.—Dea. F. E. Shaw, of South Paris; *Penobscot*,—W. G. Duren, of Bangor; *Piscataquis*,—Rev. R. W. Emerson, of Monson; *Somerset*,—Rev. B. Tappan, of Norridgewock; *Union*,—Rev. N. Lincoln, of North Bridgton; *Waldo*.—Rev. J. E. Adams, of Searsport; *Washington*,—Rev. C. Whittier, of Dennisville; *York*,—Rev. A. J. Rogers, of Biddeford.

Committee on Systematic Beneficence,—to report June, 1875.—Revs. J. E. Adams, G. S. Dickerman, G. N. Marden, J. H. Gurney, and J. D. Emerson.

MEETINGS—1875.

The FORTY-NINTH annual meeeting of the GENERAL CONFERENCE of the CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES in Maine, will be held with the *South Congregational Church in Augusta*, commencing on Tuesday, June 22, 1875, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Committee of Arrangements.—Revs. J. H. Ecob, C. G. McCully, A. L. Park,—Deacs. E. A. Nason, and G. F. Hawes.—*Preacher.*—Rev. J. H. Ecob, Primary; Rev. W. R. Cross, Alternate.

SIXTY-EIGHTH anniversary of the MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY, on Wednesday, June 23, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Preacher.—Rev. J. D. Emerson, Primary; Rev. G. S. Dickerman, Alternate.

FIFTY-SEVENTH anniversary of the Maine Branch of the AMERICAN COLLEGE AND EDUCATION SOCIETY, and the FIFTY-FOURTH annual meeting of the MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY, are held during the week.

Committee.—Rev. W. M. Barbour, and Rev. E. F. Cutter.

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.—STATE AUXILIARY.—Thursday, June 24, 9 A. M. Mrs. W. H. Fenn, of Portland, *President*; *Vice Presidents*,—one from each local Conference; Miss Maria F. Gould, of Portland, *Secretary*; Mrs. W. S. Dana, of Portland, *Treasurer*.

MINUTES OF 1874.

The FORTY-EIGHTH Annual Meeting of the GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN MAINE, was held with the Damariscotta Congregational Church in Newcastle, commencing Tuesday, June 23, 1874, at 9 o'clock A. M.

The *Moderator*, Rev. SOLOMON P. FAY, of Bangor, in the chair.

After referring to some of the local Associations of the place,—to the beauty of the region,—well called by the early settlers, "the garden of the east,"—and to the history of the church and its ministers, Conference united in singing Psalm 84th, 6th version, (Conn. Association Hymn Book) "Great God, attend, while Zion sings."—(*Old Hundred.*)

The Moderator read the one hundred and forty-fifth Psalm, and led in prayer.

Rev. J. E. Adams, of Searsport, and Dea. S. Larrabee, of Portland, were appointed to receive the credentials of members.

The Constitution and Rules were read by the Recording Secretary.

DELEGATES.

COUNTY CONFERENCES REPRESENTED.

AROOSTOOK.

None present.

CUMBERLAND.

Rev. G. S. Dickerman, of Lewiston.
Rev. Geo. A. Perkins, of Pownal.
R. H. Hinckley, of Portland.
J. R. Learned, of Auburn.

FRANKLIN.

Rev. Geo. N. Marden, of Farmington.
Rev. John R. Chalmers, of Wilton.
Dea. Seth Bass, of Wilton.
Mrs. F. G. Butler, of Farmington.

HANCOCK.

Rev. Henry S. Loring, of Amherst.
Rev. Joshua Eaton, of N. Deer Isle.

KENNEBEC.

Rev. Thomas Adams, of Winslow.
Rev. John Dinsmore, of Winslow.
Dea. Simon Page, of Hallowell.
Dea. Mason J. Metcalf, of Monmouth.

LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC.

Rev. Wm. Hart, of Bath.
Rev. Henry O. Thayer, of Woolwich.
Rev. Wm. H. Bolster, of Wiscasset.
Dea. Gershom H. Palmer, of Bath.
Dea. N. Winslow, of Waldoboro'.
G. B. Kenniston, of Boothbay.

OXFORD.

Rev. Nathaniel S. Moore, of Norway. Dea. Giles Shurtleff, of Oxford.
Rev. David Garland, of Bethel.

PENOBSCOT.

Rev. J. Evarts Pond, of Hampden. Dea. Albert Titcomb, of Bangor.
Rev. John W. H. Baker, of Brewer. Dea. John L. Parker, of Dedham.

PISCATAQUIS.

Rev. John H. Gurney, of Foxcroft. Dea. Chas. Davison.
Rev. Amory H. Tyler, of Monson.

SOMERSET.

Rev. George W. Hathaway. of Skowhegan.

UNION.

George B. Barrows, of Fryeburg. Alonzo F. Lewis, Fryeburg.

WALDO.

Rev. Ebenezer Bean, of Camden. Dea. L. R. Palmer. of Belfast.
Hon. N. T. Talbot, of Rockport.

WASHINGTON.

Rev. Wm. Carruthers, of Calais. Rev. H. H. Hutchinson, of Whitneyville.

YORK.

Rev. Joseph Freeman, of York. Rev. Wm. H. Woodwell, of Wells.
Rev. Samuel W. Pearson, of Lyman.

MEMBERS EX-OFFICIIS.

OFFICERS.—Rev. Solomon P. Fay, of Bangor; Rev. Ezra H. Byington, of Brunswick; Dea. Elnathan F. Duren, of Bangor; Dea. Joseph S. Wheelwright, of Bangor.

MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES.—Revs. Jonathan E. Adams, of Searsport; William M. Barbour, of Bangor; Ezra H. Byington, of Brunswick; Joseph S. Cogswell, of Strong; Edward F. Cutter, of Belfast; G. S. Dickerman, of Lewiston; John O. Fiske, of Bath; John H. Gurney, of Foxcroft; John Haskell, of New Castle; Andrew J. McLeod, of Waldoboro'; George N. Marden, of Farmington; William F. Obear, of New Castle; Henry M. Perkins, of Mt. Desert; Stephen Thurston, of Searsport; John B. Wheelwright, of S. Paris; Richard Bailey, Esq., of New Castle; Dea. Elnathan F. Duren, of Bangor; Henry C. Robinson, Esq., of New Castle; Hon. Joseph Titcomb, of Kennebunk.

MINISTER OF THE PLACE.—Rev. William F. Obear, of New Castle.

PREACHER.—Rev. Edward Y. Hincks, of Portland.

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES WHO FULFILLED THEIR APPOINTMENT.

Rev. Henry F. Harding, of Hallowell, to Maine Baptist Convention; Rev. Josiah T. Hawes, of Litchfield, by letter to Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting; Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath, to Christian Alliance, New York.

DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Rev. Benjamin Freeman, of North Gorham, Maine Conference of the Methodist E. Church.

Rev. W. W. Marsh, of Damariscotta, E. Maine Conference of Methodist E. Church.

Rev. Henry Crocker, of Damariscotta, Maine Baptist Convention.

Rev. Horace Graves, of Dover, Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting.

REPRESENTATIVES OF STATE ASSOCIATIONS AND CONFERENCES.

Rev. Edwin Seabury, of Berlin,—General Convention of Vermont.

Rev. Wm. A. Spaulding, of Lynn; Rev. B. F. Perkins, of Boston; Rev. H. A. Shorey, of Sterling, Mass.,—General Conference of Congregational Churches in Massachusetts.

Rev. Michael E. Strieby, Rev. H. Q. Butterfield,—General Association of New Jersey.

Rev. Nathaniel W. Grover,—General Congregational Conference of Minnesota.

Rev. John F. Morgan, of Leavenworth,—General Association of Congregational Ministers and Churches in Kansas.

Rev. Alexander McGregor, of Yarmouth, N. S.,—Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

REPRESENTATIVES OF BENEVOLENT ORGANIZATIONS.

Rev. WILLIAM WARREN, of Gorham, Dis. Sec. Am. Bd. Com. for For. Missions.

Rev. MICHAEL E. STRIEBY, of N. J., Am. Missionary Association.

Rev. STEPHEN THURSTON, of Searsport, Am. Home Missionary Society.

Rev. FRANK B. PERKINS, of Boston, Am. Tract Society.

Rev. HORATIO Q. BUTTERFIELD, of New York, Am. College and Education Society.

Rev. JOSEPH S. COGSWELL, of Strong, Am. Peace Society.

Rev. EDWARD P. THWING, of Portland, Temperance Association of Maine.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Rev. John J. Bulfinch, of Cumberland Conference, and Rev. Nehemiah Lincoln, of Union Conference, were elected to fill vacancies in the COMMITTEE OF NOMINATIONS.

In accordance with Article Third of the Constitution, the Moderator gave a cordial invitation to ministers, and all present, to take part in the devotional exercises and discussions of the Conference.

REPORTS OF DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Rev. Josiah T. Hawes, of Litchfield, reported that he communicated with the Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting (Central).

The Secretary stated that Rev. John D. Emerson, of Biddeford, was present at the meeting of the Conference of the Maine Methodist Church in that city; and Rev. John A. Ross, of Belfast, at the annual session of the East Maine Conference of the Methodist Church, in that city. This was confirmed by subsequent communications from these brethren.

A communication was read from Rev. B. F. Leavitt, of Portland, in reference to his efforts to fulfill his appointment as Delegate to the Free Will Baptist Yearly Meeting (Western).

The Secretary reported that Revs. J. Cameron, G. Juchau, and J. H. Gurney, were present at the annual session of the Congregational

Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, in Yarmouth, N. S.—and that Revs. J. J. Carruthers, S. Tenney, and J. O. Fiske, were present at the meeting of the Christian Alliance, in New York.

Rev. Wm. F. Obear, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, reported the order of service for the day,—which was accepted.

LIMITATION OF TIME.

Rev. Edward F. Cutter, of Belfast, introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:—

Desirous of maintaining the original design of our annual meeting, as a "Conference" of our Churches, and in order to give an opportunity as far as time will admit, for general participation in the exercises of the meeting,

It is *Voted*, that ten minutes be allowed to those who are appointed to introduce any topic before the Conference,—and five minutes to each succeeding speaker;—and the Moderator is hereby requested to enforce this rule, in all cases.

ANTI-TOBACCO.

Rev. Josiah T. Hawes, of Litchfield, and Dea. Stephen Sewall, of Winthrop, offered remarks, protesting against the use of the weed,—and publications on the subject, through the generosity of the latter, were deposited for distribution.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

A half hour was devoted to Conference, prayer and sacred song. The consecration of ourselves, and of our children to Christ, was a prominent theme.

Revs. J. B. Wheelwright, E. F. Cutter, J. E. Adams, H. Ilsley, and J. T. Hawes,—led in prayer,—and remarks offered by Revs J. B. Wheelwright, E. F. Cutter, J. K. Mason, N. W. Grover, Dea. S. Sewall, and the Moderator.

Hymns sung, (431), "How honorable is the place"—(*Boylston*):—(195) "Great author of each perfect gift" (*Ortonville*);—(207)—"'Tis God the spirit leads"—(*St. Thomas*):—(370)—"Rise my soul"—(*Amsterdam*).

After the calling of the roll, a recess of ten minutes was had.

CONFERENCE SERMON.

United in singing Hymn 180,—"Come let us join our cheerful songs"—(*Peterboro'*).

Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath, read part of the 17th chapter of John, and led in prayer.

Sung Hymn 235,—"Christ and his cross are all our theme."—(*Cambridge.*)

Sermon by Rev. Edward Y. Hincks, of State St. Church, Portland. Text.—John 17:17. "Sanctify them through thy truth; Thy word is truth." The inseparable connection between the reception of the truth, and the vitality of the church of Christ.—In the truth, we have the doctrine, and the life: Christ's words, and Christ Himself; and the Holy Spirit, to show its spiritual intent. The preaching of such a creed, will avail to the sanctification and power of the Church.

Prayer and benediction, by the Preacher.

At a subsequent session, on motion of Rev. Thomas Adams, of Winslow, seconded by Rev. J. O. Fiske, of Bath, the thanks of Conference were voted to Rev. E. Y. Hincks, for his timely discourse, with the request that it might be furnished for publication.

Adjourned.

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2 o'clock P. M.

Prayer meeting conducted by Rev. Amos Redlon, of Penobscot Conference.

United in singing Hymn 350,—"A charge to keep I have."—(*Olmutz.*)

Reading the Scriptures, prayer and remarks by the leader.

Sung—"Nearer my God to Thee."

The time was fully occupied with prayer, remarks and singing.

2.30. The Moderator read the 87th Psalm. Rev. Albert Cole, of York Conference, led in prayer.

Sung Hymn 84th, 2d version. "My soul how lovely is the place."—(*Brown.*)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Rev. Ezra H. Byington, of Brunswick, Corresponding Secretary of Conference, presented the state of the Churches, for the year past. The acceptance of the Report was moved by Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath, and seconded by Rev. Wm. H. Fenn, of Portland, each of whom made remarks suggested by the Report. Revs. Albert Cole, of Cornish, T. Adams, of Winslow, and D. Garland, of Bethel, added a few words. The Report was accepted to be published with the Minutes.

IN MEMORIAM.

The Recording Secretary referred to the decease of nineteen ministers, who had been connected with the Conference, in the last, or former years. The record may be found immediately following the Report of Corresponding Secretary.

In memory of these, and of other brethren and sisters who have died in the Lord,—united in singing Hymn 480,—

"Hear what the voice from Heaven proclaims
For all the pious dead."—

and in prayer with Rev. John J. Abbott, of Yarmouth.

OUR SABBATH SCHOOLS—AND THEIR NEEDS.

Rev. George N. Marden, of Farmington, introduced this topic, in place of a Report from Rev. Horace Toothaker, Secretary of Sabbath Schools, who had been prevented from fulfilling his appointment on account of ill health.

He was followed by Revs. H. Ilsley, of South Freeport; E. Bean, of Camden; H. Q. Butterfield, of New York; E. Seabury, of Vt.; S. Thurston, of Searsport; and Messrs. S. P. Benson, of Winthrop; E. Hoyt, of Portland; Dea. Mitchell, of Yarmouth; and G. B. Kenniston, of Boothbay.

On motion of Rev. J. O. Fiske, of Bath, it was

Voted, That the Report or Essay, be accepted, and referred to the Committee of Publication—that the substance of it may be included in the Minutes. (See Appendix.)

Sung Hymn 119, 4th version. "How shall the young secure their hearts."

United in prayer with Rev. H. Q. Butterfield, of N. Y.

Report from the Committee of Arrangements, read and accepted. Benediction by the Moderator. Adjourned.

MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

Incorporated January 23, 1821.

FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING.

Tuesday evening, 7 1-2 o'clock.

The President and Vice President being absent, the Secretary, Rev. Edward F. Cutter, of Belfast, called to order, and to the nomination of a President *pro-tem.*

Rev. Professor William M. Barbour, was chosen. With a word of introduction, he read the twenty-third Psalm.

United in singing Hymn 305.—"Blest is the man whose softening heart
Feels all another's pain."

—and in prayer, with Rev. David Garland, of Bethel.

The Report of the Treasurer, Rev. J. E. Adams, of Searsport, was presented.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in the Treasury, 1873	$254 98	
Contribution at Annual Meeting in Gorham	143 57	
From five Churches	91 80	
From three Individuals	16 50	
Interest	171 84	
		$678 69

EXPENDITURES.

Paid to eleven families	$315 00	
Paid expenses	7 30	
Balance in the Treasury to new account	356 39	
		$678 69

Amount of invested funds, $2,762.

Remarks were made by the Treasurer and Secretary, and by Revs. D. Garland, and E. H. Byington,—urging an increased interest in the objects of the Society—in granting aid to the needy widows and orphans of ministers deceased.

A collection was taken, amounting to $60.75.

OFFICERS OF THE MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

Rev. WOOSTER PARKER.....*President*.....Belfast.
Rev. SEWALL TENNEY.....*Vice-President*.....Ellsworth.
Rev. EDWARD F. CUTTER.....*Secretary*.....Rockland.
Rev. JONATHAN E. ADAMS.....*Treasurer*.....Searsport.
Dea. ROBERT PORTER.....*Auditor*.....Searsport.

The President, Secretary, and Treasurer, *ex-officiis*, Rev. MESSRS. E. POND, S. TENNEY, S. THURSTON, J. J. ABBOT, J. K. MASON, and E. H. BYINGTON, *Trustees*.

8 o'clock.—Conference resumed its session. The Moderator being detained at a meeting of the Trustees of the Maine Missionary Society, Rev. E. H. Byington, of Brunswick, was chosen MODERATOR *pro-tem*, and conducted the opening services.

The 148th Psalm was read by him, and Rev. J. T. Hawes, of Litchfield, led in prayer.

PRAISE MEETING.

A service of song was held, conducted by Rev. W. F. Obear, the Pastor of the Church, accompanied by the choir and organ.

A responsive service, led by Moderator Fay, was read.—(Selection 21, Psalm 103.)

SINGING—HOW SHOULD IT BE CONDUCTED AS A PART OF PUBLIC WORSHIP?

This topic was introduced by Rev. William Hart, of Central Church, Bath,—who was followed by Revs. E. P. Thwing, of Portland; J. B.

Wheelwright, of South Paris; Luther Wiswall, of Windham; J. W. H. Baker, of Brewer; W. A. Spaulding, of Massachusetts; J. E. Adams, of Searsport; G. W. Hathaway, of Skowhegan; the Moderator, and Secretary.

It was agreed that the service of song should be engaged in as earnestly and devoutly as prayer;—that all should unite audibly,—or if unable to do so, after satisfactory trial, to manifest an interest in it, by uniting in spirit. The choir (if one is organized), and instruments, should render their aid, occasionally leading in the service, without the added voices of the congregation. Instruction and rehearsals were commended.

Another brief season was occupied in the service of song, and the interesting discussion, and session of the evening was closed by singing the Doxology,—

"From all that dwell below the skies."

After a Report from the Committee of Arrangements,—the benediction was pronounced by Rev. J. E. Adams, of Waldo Conference.

Second Day.—Wednesday, June 24.

6 o'clock A. M.

Prayer Meeting, conducted by Rev. Ebenezer Bean, of Camden. Interesting reports were given of revivals in different parts of the State.

8 o'clock.

Devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. Edward F. Cutter, of Belfast. A part of the 16th chapter of John was read, and the time was occupied by the leader, Revs. J. E. Adams, J. T. Hawes, G. W. Hathaway, and others. Several stanzas were sung:

"Come Holy Spirit," "Come thou fount of every blessing," "How sweet the name of Jesus sounds," and others like them.

8.30.—Conference resumed its session. The Moderator read part of the eighth chapter of Romans. Prayer by Rev. Henry S. Loring, of Hancock Conference.

THE MINUTES.

Revs. E. H. Byington, G. N. Marden, and Dea. E. F. Duren, were appointed a Committee to report to this Conference some plan to give an increased circulation to our Minutes.

They subsequently reported, that they recommend that 1000 copies be added to the usual edition of the Minutes; that a sum be raised

equal to one-half of one cent. per church member, to meet the extra cost; and that these be distributed according to the proportion of membership.

The Conference accepted and adopted the Report. A proposition to meet a part of the expense by an advertising appendix, was approved.

On motion of Rev. Henry S. Loring, of Amherst,

Voted, That the Conference consider the expediency of devoting more time to the Maine Congregational Charitable Society, by a resumption of the sermon or addresses.

After the calling and correction of the Roll,—adjourned to 2.30 P. M.

MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Organized in 1807.

SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY.

Nine o'clock A. M.

The President, Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath, conducted the services.

United in singing Hymn 293,—"My gracious Lord, I own thy right,
To every service I can pay." (*Ward.*)

Rev. Ezra H. Byington, of Brunswick, read the 61st chapter of Isaiah, and a part of the 4th chapter of Luke,—and led in prayer.

Sung Hymn 113,—"Behold, where, in a mortal form." (*Balerma.*)

Sermon by Rev. William M. Barbour, Professor in the Theological Seminary, Bangor.

TEXT.—Matt. 9:35. "And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom."

THEME.—Christ a preacher,—where, what, and how he preached.

Sung Hymn 605,—"When Jesus dwelt in mortal clay." (*Hour of Prayer.*)

The Sermon, Report of the Treasurer and Trustees, the Topics, Speakers, Remarks, and votes following, and Hymns sung, are reported in the proceedings of the Society, and included in this pamphlet, (except in 1000 copies, which are published by vote of the society, in a separate form,) also the officers of the ensuing year.

Annual contribution, $76.09.

Afternoon, 2 o'clock.

Prayer meeting, conducted by Rev. William A. Spaulding, lately returned from the Mission of the Am. Bd. C. F. M., in Nicomedia, Turkey. He referred to reminiscences of his work in the foreign field, and during his brief pastorate in the church with whom we meet.

2.30. The Moderator resumed the Chair, and read the 45th Psalm.

Rev. Professor Alpheus S. Packard, of Brunswick, led in prayer.

Sung Psalm 67th,—5th version,—"On thy church, O power divine." (*Pleyel's Hymn.*)

BOWDOIN COLLEGE.

Professor Packard gave a concise historical view of the College, and presented forcible reasons why it should be sustained. Although not a sectarian institution, it was founded and endowed mainly by Congregationalists. Of the 226 clergymen on its catalogue, 213 are ministers laboring in this State. He referred to many distinguished men of the Alumni.

Further statements and appeals were made by Rev. E. H. Byington; Hon. S. P. Benson; Rev. J. O. Fiske; Hon. Joseph Titcomb, Treasurer of the College; Rev. J. K. Mason; Rev. Wm. Warren, and Rev. H. Q. Butterfield.

The last speaker pledged $500 towards the $30,000, to complete the subscription of $100,000 proposed to be raised for the College. Others present added to the amount, making it $1500. The friends of the College were earnestly desired to fill up the deficiency.

Sung Hymn 619,—v. 4, 5. "Laws, freedom, truth, and faith in God."

CLASSICAL SCHOOL.

Rev. H. F. Harding, of Hallowell, (Secty.) reported its success thus far, and of its connection with Bowdoin College, and Bangor Seminary. It receives our sympathy, prayer, and pecuniary aid.

BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Rev. Joseph S. Cogswell, of Franklin Conference, in behalf of the Committee who visited the Seminary, at its last anniversary, presented their report. Professor Barbour added some statements in behalf of the faculty; speaking, among other things, of the good work which had been done by churches and individuals, in re-furnishing the rooms; and that there was opportunity for others to do a like service. The Seminary is prospering, and there will be a large increase of students next term.

On motion,

Voted, That the Report be accepted and published in the Minutes, under the direction of the Publishing Committee.

United in singing Psalm 67, 3d version. "Rise, gracious God! and shine." (*Lenox.*)

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Rev. William Warren, of Gorham, District Sec. of the Am. B'd C. F. M., made one of his stirring appeals for this cause.

AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

Rev. Michael E. Strieby, Secty. of New York, advocated the cause to which this Association is pledged; the elevation and Christianization of the Freedmen.

(This Association was ably represented last year, by Rev. Charles L. Woodworth, Secty., of Boston, p. 5. of the Minutes; but the Report which was prepared for insertion on page 14, Minutes 1873, was accidentally left out.)

AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY.

Rev. Francis B. Perkins, of Boston, presented the claims of this agency for the promotion of Christ's kingdom.

AMERICAN COLLEGE AND EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Rev. Horatio Q. Butterfield, Secty., of New York, referred to the union of the "Am. Education Society," and of the "Society for the promotion of Collegiate and Theological Education," under the above name,—and the work they are seeking to accomplish for the Master.

SEAMEN.

A brother enquired if the sailor was to be remembered. The Moderator replied, that no representative of the Seamen's Friend Society, had been reported as present,—but that the Conference were not unmindful of this important class; and they, with the Societies which are organized, having special reference to their needs, should receive our sympathy and aid.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

In the absence of any special representative of this Society, Rev. John O. Fiske, of Bath, introduced the following Resolution, which was adopted:—

Whereas, The American Bible Society, during the last four years, has given its auxiliaries in Maine, more than $1,200 to aid in supplying the Word of God to the destitute within our borders,

***Resolved*, That we gratefully recognize this attention to the wants of our State, and with it our own obligation to bear a part in the beneficent and world-wide enterprise of this Society.**

***Resolved*, That we heartily approve the effort of the Society to economize its work by extending the fields and diminishing the number of its District Superintendents; and that we recommend to our churches to justify this course by taking collections for it, without waiting for the annual visit or personal solicitation of the District Superintendent.**

PEACE.

On motion of Rev. Joseph S. Cogswell, of Strong, the following Resolutions were adopted by the Conference:—

Resolved, That the time has passed when Christian nations should attempt to settle their difficulties by the costly and cruel method of war.

Resolved, That all men, and especially all Christians, should earnestly labor for the hastening of the period foretold by the prophets, when the nations shall beat their swords into plow-shares, and learn war no more.

Resolved, That measures should be taken to establish speedily a High Court of Nations, for the just and peaceful settlement of disagreements among nations, according to the plan of great statesmen of the present age.

United in singing Hymn 72,—3d version. "Jesus shall reign."

Rev. John F. Morgan, of Leavenworth, Kansas, led in prayer.

Benediction by Moderator.

Adjourned.

[At 7 o'clock P. M., according to previous notice, a YOUNG PEOPLE'S PRAYER MEETING was held in the vestry.

Mr. Herbert A. Loring, of Sumner, by request, led the services. A few of the closing verses of the first chapter of John's Gospel was read. The general theme,—Personal effort for Christ, as illustrated by the course of Andrew and Philip, elicited short, pointed remarks,—with frequent prayer and singing. Every moment of time was occupied, and the spirit of the meeting was delightful and refreshing. The 45 minutes to which it was limited, was too short; and many expressed the wish, that a similar meeting be appointed at each State Conference.]

7.30.—Conference met according to adjournment. The Moderator read the sixth chapter of 2d Corinthians.

Sung Hymn 433,— "Glorious things of thee are spoken." (*Greenville.*)

United in prayer with Rev. Alexander McGregor, of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia.

MAINE BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE AND EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Organized in Portland, Nov. 19, 1818.

The Report of the Treasurer, Rev. Professor Jotham B. Sewall, of Brunswick, was forwarded by him, and read by Rev. Professor Barbour, of Bangor.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand	$50 00	
Contributions from twenty churches	501 70	
" from seven individuals	65 00	
Bank dividends	64 00	
Draft on Parent Society	375 00	
Collection, annual meeting in Gorham	44 80	
Appropriation returned	25 00	
Legacy from the late Rev. Isaac Rogers, Farmington	500 00	
		$1,625 50

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Beneficiaries	$374 70	
Paid Parent Society	1,176 00	
On hand to new account	74 80	
		$1,625 50

The Secretary, Rev. Professor William M. Barbour, referred more especially to the Treasurer's Report,—and Rev. H. Q. Butterfield, Sec. of the Parent Society, made an appeal in behalf of the objects and claims of the Society.

Collection taken, $60.50.

OFFICERS OF THE MAINE BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE AND EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Rev. ENOCH POND	*President*	Bangor.
Rev. JOHN O. FISKE	*Vice-President*	Bath.
Rev. WILLIAM M. BARBOUR	*Secretary*	Bangor.
Prof. JOTHAM B. SEWALL	*Treasurer*	Brunswick.
JOHN BOWER	*Auditor*	Brunswick.

DIRECTORS.—President and Secretary, *ex-officiis*; Prof. ALPHEUS S. PACKARD, of Brunswick; and Dea. GEORGE A. THATCHER, of Bangor.

The choir sung the Anthem,— "Cry aloud," by L. Marshall.

TEMPERANCE,—ITS RELATION TO THE CHURCH.

This topic was earnestly and impressively advocated by the Governor of the State, Hon. Nelson Dingley, Jr. He was followed by Rev. E. P. Thwing, of Portland; Rev. Chas. H. Gates, of Kennebunk Port; Hon. Henry Tolman, of Bath; Sargent Ambler, of Biddeford; Rev. Wm. A. Spaulding, of Lynn, Mass.; Rev. J. K. Mason, of Thomaston, and the Moderator.

At a subsequent session, the following Resolution, introduced by Rev. Ebenezer Bean, of Waldo Conference, was adopted:—

Resolved, That we gratefully recognize the hand of God in the present revival of interest in the Temperance cause, and the success which is attending women's prayers and labors. We urge a renewed coöperation in this reform, by individual effort and by united influence, and we approve the example of many of our churches, in using the unintoxicating "fruit of the vine" in the celebration of the Sacrament.

The chairman of the Committee of Arrangements made a Report in reference to the order of service to-morrow. Accepted.

United in singing Hymn 340.—v. 3, 4. "Our flesh and sense must be denied. (*Hebron.*)

Prayer and benediction, Rev. Geo. S. Dickerman, of Cumberland Conference.

Adjourned.

Third Day--Thursday, June 25.

6 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer meeting conducted by Rev. Henry S. Loring, of Hancock Conference. The time was fully occupied, as were the other meetings at this early hour, in earnest petitions at the Throne of Grace,—warm-hearted appeals and experiences, and devout breathings of the soul in sacred song.

8 o'clock.

The Moderator read the 67th Psalm—Rev. Edward P. Thwing, of Portland, offered prayer.

Reports were made from Delegates appointed to Corresponding Bodies, who had not before reported. Resolutions having reference to the Bible Society, Temperance, Peace, and Publication of Minutes were considered and adopted,—and they are recorded on previous pages, in connection with the topics, when first introduced.

TREASURER AND AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Dea. Joseph Storer Wheelwright, of Bangor, Treasurer, presented his Report, which with the Report of the Auditor, Dea. William S. Dennett, of Bangor, were accepted, and ordered placed on file.

RECEIPTS.

Received at the annual meeting in Gorham	$44 10	
" of York Conference, balance 1871	8 10	
" (1)of County Conferences, balance 1872	78 00	
" (2) " " towards 1873	253 80	
" from Rev. G. E. Adams, Orange, N. J.	1 00	
" from New Hampshire and New York	1 20	
		$381 20

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Treasurer balance due on old account	$8 46	
" Benj. A. Burr, Bangor, for paper, printing and binding Minutes, 1873	205 50	
" Com. of Publication, and Rec. Sec., for paper, blanks, postage, freight, &c.,	99 67	
Balance in Treasury, to new account	67 57	
		$381 20

(1) Somerset, 4 50; Union, 2 40; Washington, 24 00; York, 47 10;—$78.00

(2)

Cumberland,	68 90;	Lincoln & S.,	25 00;	Somerset,	10 00
Franklin,	10 60;	Oxford,	17 30;	Union,	16 00
Hancock,	13 00;	Penobscot,	25 00;	Waldo,	10 00
Kennebec,	18 00;	Piscataquis,	10 00;	York,	30 00

Total, $253 80

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Rev. John B. Wheelwright, of South Paris, in behalf of the Committee, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted, as follows:

COMMITTEES.

Standing of Ministers.

Rev. ENOCH POND ..... Bangor.
Rev. STEPHEN THURSTON ..... Searsport.
Rev. JOHN J. CARRUTHERS .... Portland.
Rev. J. O. FISKE ..... Bath
Rev. SEWALL TENNEY ..... Ellsworth.

Sabbath Schools—Rev. GEORGE N. MARDEN, of Farmington.

Publication of Minutes.

Dea. E. F. DUREN, of Bangor; Rev. EZRA H. BYINGTON, of Brunswick; Prof. LEVI L. PAINE, of Bangor; and Rev. E. P. THWING, of Portland.

To visit the Theological Seminary, Bangor.

MEMBERS.	RESIDENCE.	CONFERENCE.
Rev. WILLIAM T. SLEEPER	Caribou	*Aroostook.*
Rev. ABIEL H. WRIGHT	Portland	*Cumberland.*
Rev. HERBERT R. HOWES	New Sharon	*Franklin.*
Rev. ARTHUR H. TEBBETTS	Bluehill	*Hancock.*
Rev. AUSTIN L. PARK	Gardiner	*Kennebec.*
Rev. JAVAN K. MASON	Thomaston	*Lincoln & Sagadahoc*
Rev. AMASA LORING	East Sumner	*Oxford.*
Rev. J. EVARTS POND	Hampden	*Penobscot.*
Rev. CHARLES DAVISON	Greenville	*Piscataquis.*
Rev. WEBSTER WOODBURY	Skowhegan	*Somerset.*
Rev. R. HENRY DAVIS	Hiram	*Union.*
Rev. ALBERT N. JONES	Jackson	*Waldo.*
Dea. ELIJAH P. VOSE	Dennisville	*Washington.*
Rev. DAVID B. SEWALL	York	*York.*

DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Delegates to attend in person, or send a written communication.—RULE 13.

Maine Baptist Missionary Convention.

Third Tuesday in June (15), 1875, *in Auburn.*

PRIMARY. Rev. A. P. TINKER, of Auburn.
SUBSTITUTE. Rev. L. GOODRICH, of West Auburn.

Maine Conference of Methodist Episcopal Church.

May, 1875, *in Bath.*

Rev. JOHN O. FISKE, of Bath. | Rev. WM. H. BOLSTER, of Wiscasset.

East Maine Conference of Methodist Episcopal Church.

May, 1875, *in Calais.*

Rev. WM. CARRUTHERS, of Calais. | Rev. THOMAS T. MERRY, of Machias.

Freewill Baptist Yearly Meeting--Maine.

Aug. 18, 1874, *in Dover.*

Rev. AMOS REDLON, of Kenduskeag. | Rev. JOHN H. GURNEY, of Foxcroft.

(By vote of Conference, [Minutes 1872, p. 9] the sending of delegates out of the State is discontinued. Any member of Conference, who may be present at either of the meetings, is authorized to represent this body. A list of State Conferences and Associations, with the time and place of meeting, may be found in the appendix.)

NEXT MEETING OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

On Tuesday preceding the fourth Wednesday of June (22), 1875, at nine o'clock A. M., with the South Congregational Church, Augusta.

Committee of Arrangements.

Revs. JAMES H. ECOB, of Augusta; CHAS. G. MCCULLY, of Hallowell; AUSTIN L. PARK, of Gardiner; Deacs. EDWARD A. NASON, and GEORGE F. HAWES, of Augusta.

Advisory Committee to represent the Maine Branch of the College and Education Society, and the Maine Congregational Charitable Society.

Rev. WILLIAM M. BARBOUR, of Bangor; Rev. EDWARD F. CUTTER, of Belfast.

Preacher—Tuesday Forenoon.

Rev. JAMES H. ECOB, of Augusta. | Rev. WELLINGTON R. CROSS, of Orono.

Committee on Nominations.

Rev. JOHN B. WHEELWRIGHT, of Oxford Conference.
Rev. BENJAMIN TAPPAN, of Somerset Conference.
Rev. WM. F. OBEAR, of Lincoln and Sagadahoc Conference.
Rev. ALBERT N. JONES, of Waldo Conference.
Rev. JOHN J. BULFINCH, of Cumberland Conference.
Rev. NEHEMIAH LINCOLN, of Union Conference.

DELEGATES TO THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

Sep. 8, 1874, *in Sheffield, N. B.*

Rev. SOLOMON P. FAY, of Bangor, Prim. | Rev. CHAS. WHITTIER, of Dennisville, Sub.

DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL.

Sep. 30, 1874, 3 *P. M., in New Haven, Conn.*

PRIMARIES.	ALTERNATES.
Rev. EZRA H. BYINGTON, of Brunswick,	Rev. WM. F. OBEAR, of New Castle,
Hon. NELSON DINGLEY, Jr., Lewiston,	Rev. JOHN O. FISKE, of Bath,
Hon. JOSEPH TITCOMB, of Kennebunk,	WM. E. GOULD, of Portland.

TREASURER, Dea. J. S. Wheelwright, of Bangor; AUDITOR, Dea. Wm. S. Dennett, of Bangor.

THANKS TO RECORDING SECRETARY.

On motion of Rev. George N. Marden, of Franklin Conference, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we express our appreciation of the signal fidelity of the SCRIBE of this Conference, who has served us for the past twenty years, to general satisfaction.

The Roll was called, and completed.

SALUTATIONS OF CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Delegates and Representatives referred to on ps. 6, 7, from Vermont, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Minnesota, Kansas, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick,—and those from the Methodist, Baptist, and Free Will

Baptist denominations, from Maine,—proffered the Christian salutations of their respective bodies:—to which the Moderator appropriately and heartily responded.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCES. Rev. M. E. Strieby, of New York, referred to the Congregational Churches connected with Conferences at the South,—desiring that they might be remembered in the prayers, and sympathies and fellowship of this Conference.

On motion of Rev. David Garland, of Bethel, the following resolution was adopted:—

Resolved, That the General Congregational Conference of Maine, express their sympathy to the Congregational Bodies at the South, struggling for growth;—and extend to them the hand of fellowship.

The Hymn, (306) "Blest be the tie"—was sung at the commencement, and Hymn, (308) "Let party names no more," at the close of these greetings.

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS?

The President of the Maine Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions, Mrs. W. H. Fenn, of Portland, reported in writing, through Rev. E. P. Thwing, an enthusiastic meeting just closed in the lecture room below, and desired the prayers and coöperation of the Conference. Since the organization, six months ago, $1,150 have been raised and County organizations formed. The Conference, by vote extended their congratulations and assurances of sympathy. For officers of this Board, see Appendix.

CHURCH EDIFICES.

The Moderator referred to the acceptable aid rendered at former meetings of Conference, in the building of meeting houses at Medway, and Fort Fairfield—(both of which have since been dedicated), and that an appeal comes to us to-day from Brighton, through Mr. John Hemmenway, and from Whitneyville, through the acting Pastor, of the Cong. Church in that place, Rev. H. H. Hutchinson. Twenty dollars was wanted by the former, and $800 by the latter. The $20, was paid at once; and a subscription was commenced for the latter, which in a few minutes reached $200.

To the churches, was commended the work of completing the amount needed. The people in W. have been embarrassed by the demolition of a portion of the new structure, in a severe gale, but are doing all they can to complete the work.

GIVING—AS AN ACT OF WORSHIP. HOW? WHEN?

This topic was well elaborated by Hon. N. T. Talbot, of Rockport. He advocated a weekly collection—and the envelope system.

A communication addressed to the Conference, by Rev. O. W. White, pastor of the Howard Avenue Church, New Haven, in behalf of the Connecticut Systematic Benificence Society, was referred to, and its purport made known, by Rev. J. E. Adams, of Searsport. He also added remarks on the topic introduced by Judge Talbot.

On his motion, it was

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to report at the next annual meeting, what action, if any, this Conference may wisely take, in the endeavor to lead the members of our churches to the more general practice of proportionate and systematic giving of property to Christ's work.

COMMITTEE.—Revs. J. E. Adams, of Searsport; G. S. Dickerman, of Lewiston; G. N. Marden, of Farmington; J. H. Gurney, of Foxcroft; J. D. Emerson, of Biddeford.

THE ELEMENTS OF EFFECTUAL PRAYER.

Rev. George S. Dickerman, of Lewiston, presented the Biblical and Spiritual view,—as opposed to that of scientists, and of such as know not its nature or power, by their own experience.

United in singing Hymn 357,—"Dear Refuge of my weary soul." (*Nuremberg.*)

Report of Committee of Arrangements—accepted.

Prayer and benediction—Rev. H. A. Shorey, of Sterling, Mass.

COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.

Two o'clock P. M.

The usual invitation was extended to all who were the disciples of Christ, to unite in the observance of the ordinance.

[Previous to this, the ordinance of baptism was administered to a child by Rev. Edwin Seabury, the first Pastor of the church in New Castle, upon whose mother and grandmother he had also placed the seal of the covenant.

The Hymn 541,—"O Lord, thy covenant is sure,"

was sung, followed by remarks and prayer, by Mr. S.]

Rev. Edwin Seabury, of Vermont, and Rev. Benj. F. Perkins, of Massachusetts, administered the ordinance of the Supper,—each offering remarks and leading in prayer.

The Elements were distributed by Deacs. Stephen Sewall, of Winthrop, Simon Page, of Hallowell, Samuel Larrabee, of Portland, and E. F. Duren, of Bangor.

Sung Hymn 180,—"Jesus is worthy to receive." (*Balerma.*)

The annual collection was taken. Amount, $27.28.

VOTE OF THANKS.

Rev. George N. Marden, of Farmington, introduced with appropriate remarks, the following Resolutions which were unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That we hereby tender our grateful acknowledgements to the Committee of Arrangements, whose thoughtful care and patient labor have contributed so much to the smoothness and success with which the affairs of the Conference have moved.

Resolved, That we thank with all our hearts the people of Newcastle and Damariscotta, for the abounding hospitality which has enhanced so greatly the social pleasures of this yearly gathering.

Resolved, That we give appreciative thanks to the choir, who have lent their sweet voices to the occasion.

Resolved, Also, that to the Railway and Steamboat Companies, to members of the Press, and to all who have consulted our convenience and success by their kindness, we return thanks.

Rev. William F. Obear, Pastor of the church, responded,—referring to the interest which the people felt in the anticipation of the meeting, and that their expectations had been fully realized. They were thankful for the coming of Conference, and for their expressions of satisfaction in their reception. They now knew each other better; and he hoped that we should together be enabled to march more valiently on, under the command of our great Captain, and be enabled to say in the end, with one who had recently closed the labor and conflict of life,—"This is the victory!"

The Moderator expressed with renewed emphasis the satisfaction of Conference, in all the arrangements that had been made, and the pleasant memories which would be recalled in the future. Though involving sacrifice, and toil. and expense, both to host and guest,—it pays.

Conference united in singing the Hymn of Christian fellowship,

"Blest be the tie,"

and then adjourned, after benediction by the Moderator.

E. F. DUREN,
Recording Secretary.

***The singing was by the Congregation, with the exception of the evening services, when the choir gave selections, or joined with the audience. Mr. Albion G. Huston, was chorister; Miss Hannah Webb, organist. Rev. E. P. Thwing usually led the congregational singing.

The thoughtfulness and attentions of the local Committee of Arrangements were manifested in the frequent and cheerful inquiry as to the needs of their guests; the providing of cooling water, flowers, and accommodations for seats in the church, and conveyances for such as were located at a distance.

On Monday evening, June 22, a service was held in the church.

United in singing Hymn 18,—"Stand up, and bless the Lord." (*Essex.*)

The seventy-seventh Psalm was read by Rev. Edward F. Cutter, of Belfast, who also led in prayer.

Sung Psalm 93, 1st version,—"Jehovah reigns, he dwells in light." (*Duke St.*)

Sermon by Rev. James E. Hall, of Rockland.

TEXT. Psalm 76:10. "Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee."

THEME.—The wickedness of man redounds to the glory of God. Evil over-ruled, sheds honor upon the law, truth, justice and love of God.

Sentence by the choir.—"The Lord will comfort Zion," by W. O. Perkins.

Prayer and benediction—Rev. E. F. Cutter.

On Thursday evening, June 25, a closing service was held.

Organ voluntary, by Miss Webb.

Singing Psalm 138,—1st version. "With all my powers."

Reading of the 5th chapter of Matthew, and prayer—Rev. George N. Marden, of Farmington.

Sung Hymn 239,—"How beauteous are their feet."

Sermon by Rev. Harrison A. Shorey, of Sterling, Mass., (formerly Pastor at Camden, Me.)

TEXT.—Matthew 22:36—40. The first and second great commandment. Love to God, and love to man. The pure, the simple gospel. The power of love.

Sung Hymn 75,—"Come ye that know and fear the Lord."

Benediction by the Preacher.

REPORT OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The leading object of our Conference ought to be to gather correct and definite reports of the progress of religion in our congregations, and to take council, prayerfully, and earnestly, with a view to the greater efficiency of these religious institutions. We need to gain a comprehensive view of the actual state of our work. It is important to compare different methods so far as there may be diversity. We should study the darker shades as well as the lighter. We should learn all we can from the methods of our brethren in other States. We need to mix faith with all the views we take of the prospects of the churches. The facts should be presented with the utmost frankness and honesty, and we should meet the case just as it is. We are responsible, under God, for the progress of His kingdom, in the fields which he has committed to us, and we need grace and wisdom to fulfil our trust.

We should first of all recognize the providence of God in the removal by death, of three ministers whose names were included in our Minutes last year; Rev. RICHARD WOODHULL, Rev. SAMUEL H. MERRILL, and Rev. URIAH BALKAM, D. D.

Besides these brethren in the ministry, three hundred and eighty-six private members of our churches have been removed by death during the year. Among these are a number who were eminent for gifts and graces, who had long held important official positions in the church, and some, who were almost always present at this Annual Conference. We should not fail to render thanks to God, for their Christian faith and hope, and for the good work they were enabled to do before they were taken away.

The reports from the churches this year, are in many respects exceedingly pleasant. The number added to our churches on the profession of their faith, is larger than for any year since 1868, and the excess of additions over removals is larger than it has been since 1870. There have been revivals of religion in almost every section of the State, in some of the smallest, as well as some of the largest churches. The most extensive revivals have been within the limits of York, Cumberland and Penobscot Conferences.

My method will be to make the circuit of the State, beginning with

the Conference in which I live, and ending with the Conference within whose bounds we are holding our meeting.

CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE brings up a cheerful report with its forty-one churches, and four thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine communicants. Thirty-two churches have ministers. and of the nine reported vacant, all but four are supplied with preaching. Pastors have been installed in Auburn, Lewiston, and in the Plymouth and Williston churches, Portland. Pastors have been dismissed from Cumberland, Gray, New Gloucester, Yarmouth, and from Plymouth church, Portland.

"The church in Gorham has enjoyed a quiet religious interest ever since the week of prayer." Ten have been added to it, and others are expected.

St. Lawrence Street Church, in Portland, has been passing through a deep and powerful revival of religion, which began in February. Meetings were held every night for six weeks. Not less than fifty persons, as we hope, have begun a new life—and many Christians have been revived. At least twenty-five of the converts are heads of families. The revival began in the Sabbath school, and the pastor says, "was largely due to the faithful labors of our Sabbath school teachers."

The Williston church, which held its first annual meeting in January, has received twenty-seven members during the year, nearly doubling its numbers. "The presence of the Holy Spirit has been manifest, in a quiet, yet we trust, deep work." There was a deep and fruitful religious interest in Brunswick, in the early part of the year. As a result of it, twenty-two have been added to the church, some at every communion.

Union prayer meetings were held in Gray, during the week of prayer, and continued for many weeks. An Evangelist was called in, early in April, who held a series of meetings, lasting four weeks. As a result, the churches of the place have been quickened, and twenty or thirty have begun, as we believe, to live for Christ.

The church in Pownal has been much encouraged by the tokens of the divine power. A number have professed their faith in Christ, and the congregations on the Sabbath have been attentive and solemn.

The pastor in West Falmouth writes: "The Lord has been mercifully present with us, and we have felt His love and power. We hope half a dozen have become Christians, and others have been a good deal interested. New faces are still appearing in the place of prayer, and we are hoping for greater things." Twenty-three have been added to the church in Auburn, eighteen to the Welsh church in Ligonia, sixteen

to the church in Lewiston, eighteen to the 2d Parish church Portland, sixteen to High St. church, and twelve to State Street. The additions in the whole Conference have been two hundred and five, while the removals have been two hundred thirty-three, showing a net loss of twenty-eight.

The church in Saccarappa has dedicated a new house of worship, costing over $10,000. The congregation is much larger than in the old house. The forenoon is given up to a Bible service which is well attended. In the Warren church, Westbrook, the forenoon is given to the Bible service. The State Street, and High Street churches in Portland, have adopted a system of weekly contributions to benevolent objects. There has been some special religious interest, and one hopeful conversion in South Freeport. The "working power" is very small in Windham. The church in Poland has not had a meeting for years. The state of religious feeling at North Yarmouth is low. The good people in Scarboro' are few in number, but not discouraged. Standish has just called a minister. Meetings are well attended at Minot Centre; and in Baldwin where the church has become almost extinct, the women are building a meeting house.

Although a number of the churches in this Conference report revivals of religion, there are twenty-two which have not received a single member by profession, and sixteen which have received no addition at all this year. There has been a net gain in ten churches; a net loss in twenty-one; the number of churches is larger by two than it was ten years ago, but the number of members is smaller now than then.

There have been a few hopeful conversions among the students of Bowdoin College. The "Praying Circle" has held two meetings a week, regularly, and the religious students have made their influence felt by the whole College. This institution ought to have a large place in the prayers of this Conference, and of the churches which we represent. It is well known that the College is in pressing need of a more liberal endowment. A vigorous effort has been making to secure a hundred thousand dollars to meet the more urgent wants of the College. Sixty-five thousand dollars are already subscribed. For the remainder of this sum, the College has a right to look to the Congregationalists of Maine, and it ought not to be difficult to secure it for this old and honored institution of learning.

The twenty-eight churches in YORK CONFERENCE, report a net gain of eighty-nine members; larger than any other Conference. The churches in Biddeford have had an extensive and powerful work of grace, begin-

ning with the week of prayer, and continued for many weeks, in connection with a series of union meetings under the direction of an Evangelist. The Second church, (Rev. J. D. Emerson) has received twenty-six by profession, and six by letter, and the Pavilion church, (Rev. A. J. Rogers) forty-nine by profession and one by letter. This is the largest number gathered into any church in the State. The First church in Kennebunkport, has received eleven on profession of faith, and the First in Kittery, twenty-three. Fourteen have been added to the church in Limington. Two conversions are reported at Buxton Centre. The church in Elliot has been afflicted by the death of an important member; the prayer meetings are well attended, and it is added, the "church is well united by means of sore trials and discipline."

It has been a year of spiritual declension at Limerick; the parsonage has been refitted at West Newfield; there are signs of religious interest at Wells, 2d church; the sisters take a part in prayer meetings in the South church Kennebunkport; the church edifice at Buxton Centre, has been painted; there has been no Sabbath School or evening meetings at Lower Biddeford; and the church in Lyman has added three to its membership.

Twenty-three churches have ministers, and five are without. Pastors have been installed at Wells, 1st church, Biddeford, Pavilion church, Kittery, and South Berwick.

The seventeen churches in UNION CONFERENCE report forty-three members added, and fifty-six removed, a net loss of thirteen. The three churches in Bridgton report that there has been more than usual religious interest, and about twenty have been gathered into their communion on profession of faith. The pastor at Fryeburg has been dismissed, and pastors have been settled at Fryeburg, Bridgton, South Bridgton, and Waterford. The meeting house in Hiram has been completed at a cost of $4200, instead of $3600 as reported last year; and a parsonage costing $3000 has been completed at Waterford. The church in Albany was supplied three months from the Seminary, and a few Sabbaths by other ministers; and the remainder of the year they have held religious services by themselves, reading a sermon and holding the Sabbath school.

In OXFORD CONFERENCE there is a slight excess of removals over admissions. Eleven of the fifteen churches have ministers. There has been an interesting work of grace in South Paris, and ten members of

the Sunday School have, it is hoped, begun a new life. There was some special religious interest in the Second church in Bethel, during the winter, and four have united with the church. From Gorham, N. H., we have this report:—The church has prospered financially, having paid a debt of $415, expended $300 in repairs, and replenished the library of the Sabbath school, besides introducing a new Hymn and Tune book. Prayer and Conference meetings are attended with interest, and the cause of temperance has a strong hold upon the people. There is a parsonage nearly completed in Andover, and there is a good degree of harmony in the church. So far as the reports show, only four of the fifteen churches have received additions.

There are ten churches in FRANKLIN CONFERENCE, containing seven hundred members. The additions just balance the removals. Three churches are without ministers. No church reports a revival. Four have received additions, amounting in all to eighteen, while six churches have received no additions. At Farmington the Bible service has a large attendance, as many as four hundred being members of the classes. Some improvements have been made in the organ loft; a new pulpit and furniture for it have been obtained. The three churches which are without ministers, have kept up their Sabbath Schools. It has been a year of general prosperity in Strong; the aged minister in Temple, has been too infirm to preach much, but meetings have been maintained, and there is a serious spirit among the people.

There are fourteen churches in KENNEBEC CONFERENCE, to which there have been added eighty-two members; an excess of thirty-six over the removals. The churches receiving the largest number on profession are Augusta, twenty-eight; Gardiner, nineteen; Waterville, nine, and Hallowell, five. In these churches there was a decided religious interest during the winter. An Evangelist held meetings in Augusta, Waterville, and Gardiner. The new members have added a great deal of strength to the churches. Ten of the churches have ministers, four are destitute. An excellent parsonage has been built at Richmond. Just half the churches of the Conference report no additions during the year. The number in the Sabbath schools falls a little below the report of last year.

During the year the Classical School, at Hallowell, has been in successful operation. The inauguration of the School was during the winter, Rev. Dr. Webb, of Boston, delivering the address.

SOMERSET CONFERENCE has twelve churches, and nearly six hundred members. Nine of the churches have ministers, some of them only a part of the time, while three would appear to be destitute. Only four churches report additions by profession, while there are seven which have had no additions during the year, and there is a net loss of four members. The Scribe says:—"On the whole I think we have held our own, as to work generally in the County. The church in Skowhegan has received thirteen by profession and five by letter. That is the only church in which any special religious interest has occurred."

PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE reports only nine churches, instead of ten as last year. The Scribe has dropped the church of Abbot and Guilford from the roll,—with what authority does not appear. He merely states that most of the members of that church have united with a Methodist church in Guilford. The Scribe informs us that there "is nothing of special interest to report, unless it be that Bro. Davison, formerly a deacon, has been ordained to the work of the gospel ministry." Thus one deacon, at least, has purchased to himself a good degree. But altnough the Scribe does not report special interest in any of the churches, they would appear to be in a healthy state. Seven of the nine have ministers. Nineteen have been added, on profession of faith, to six churches. The additions in the whole Conference exceed the removals by eleven, and some of us know how much faith, and self-denial, and fidelity, it takes to keep up the standard of Christ, when the churches are not large, even though no great advances are made. And besides what the churches have done on their own ground, all but two report some contributions, amounting in all to $630.

PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE, with its sixteen churches, including its sixteen hundred and forty-one members, represents a variety of important interests. The Seminary at Bangor, is gathering larger numbers of students, and is adapting itself right earnestly to the presents wants of our Zion. The additions to the churches have been forty-eight by profession, and twenty by letter. The net gain for the year is fifteen. Nine churches have ministers; four others are partially supplied, and four are destitute. There was a revival of religion in Brewer during the early part of the winter, when some twenty-five or thirty came out on the side of Christ. There has been more than usual religious interest in Hampden, as is indicated by an addition of seventeen to the church. Eleven have been added by profession to the church in Orono, the

first fruits of the new ministry of its pastor. The church in Holden, has received eight by profession, although it is without a minister. The largest number received by one church is nineteen, eight of them new members, added to Hammond Street church, Bangor. The pastor of the 1st church in Brewer, has been dismissed, and pastors have been settled at Hampden and Orono. Just half the churches have received additions during the year.

We look with interest and hope to AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE, the region of new settlements and new churches. The report was a very imperfect one this year. There are thirteen churches on our list; only eight seem to have ministers. Twenty-five have been added to the churches and fourteen removed. The scribe suggests that the railroad has brought the churches in the lower part of the county so near to Bangor, that it would be for their advantage to belong to Penobscot Conference.

There has been a deep religious interest at Fort Fairfield during the winter and spring. Twelve have been added to the Congregational church, and an equal number to each of two other denominations. The new church edifice at that place has been completed, at a cost of about $4,000, and dedicated with appropriate services.

The nineteen churches of WASHINGTON CONFERENCE report a net gain of twenty members. There has been special religious interest in Milltown and Jonesport. Twenty-two have already united with the church at Milltown. As there is no church in Jonesport, the converts in that place have united with the church at Machias. Six churches are reported as vacant, and three of these have had no preaching during the year. The new meeting house at Calais was dedicated in July. It is a large and beautiful house, accommodating six hundred people, and nearly all the pews are rented. There was some special religious interest during the winter.

Only six out of nineteen churches report additions during the year.

HANCOCK CONFERENCE has thirteen churches, with an average membership of seventy-one. Five of the churches are reported vacant. Thirty-four members have been added to the churches and twenty-eight removed; a gain of six. A revival of religion commenced with the beginning of the year, in Bluehill, at the centennial anniversary of the settlement of the town, and continued through the winter. Union meetings were held during the week of prayer, and afterwards. Rev.

Dr. Tenney was called in to assist the pastors. Fourteen have united with the church, five of them on profession of faith. In Ellsworth there has been some revival interest, and ten have been added to the church. The church in Castine has paid off its debt, and has added five new members. During the year Rev. Dr. Tenney has retired from his long pastorate of almost forty years, and Rev. Mr. Garretson has become the acting pastor of the church. The church in Orland has repaired its house of worship. There are six churches which report no additions during the year.

WALDO CONFERENCE has twelve churches, three of which are without ministers. The additions to the churches exceed the removals by thirteen. The first church in Searsport, "feels the influence of the revival of last year," and has received nine by profession, and four by letter, and besides this it more than doubles its benevolent offerings. There has been some religious interest at Brooks. The little church in Freedom has been enlarged by the addition of eleven, and others are to be received soon. Ten have been added to the church in Rockport, all adults; three of them brothers and business men. Rev. J. A. Ross, has been installed at Belfast. The Elm Street church in Camden is supplied by Rev. Eben Bean. Frankfort has no minister. Sandy Point has had little preaching, but will be supplied for the summer. Belfast North, is very feeble, and will not be supplied for the present. There is no report from Unity, and there seems to be no one to report, and Winterport is to be supplied for the next four months. The churches which have received additions are five in number, while seven others report none.

The circuit of the State is completed by the report of LINCOLN and SAGADAHOC CONFERENCE, although the scribe sends us very little except figures. The twenty-two churches have received fifty-six members on profession of their faith; an average of two and a half to each church. Winter Street church in Bath, has gathered in twenty-two, the fruits of the revival a year ago. Thirteen have also been added to the 2nd church in Boothbay, and the same number at Thomaston. Special religious interest is reported at Rockland, Thomaston, Warren, Union, and Waldoboro'. The houses of worship in Wiscasset and Waldoboro' are undergoing repairs to the amount of several thousands of dollars.

One-third of the churches are without ministers. Some of them, the reporter says, have only a name to live. Twelve churches do not report

any additions during the year, and there has been a net loss of fourteen members. The contributions in this Conference are larger by $784, than last year.

SUMMARY.

The whole number of churches is two hundred and forty-one, in fourteen Conferences. The whole number of members is nineteen thousand, four hundred and eighty-nine. Thirteen pastors have been installed; six have been dismissed. The number added to the churches by profession of faith, is six hundred and forty-one. The number added by letter, is two hundred and thirty-seven. Total, eight hundred and seventy-eight. Three hundred and eighty-nine have died. Three hundred and forty have been dismissed to other churches, and sixteen have been cut off by discipline. The whole number removed, is seven hundred and forty-five. The excess of additions over removals, is one hundred and thirty-three. The number in the Sabbath schools, is twenty thousand three hundred and twenty-seven. The amount of contributions to objects of benevolence, is $39,457.

The reports show us that there is a vigorous life in many of our churches. They sustain their religious institutions. They bring liberal offerings to the treasury of the church. New and larger houses of worship are built as they are needed. Pastors are called and settled to fill the vacancies. There are revivals of religion and numbers are added to the Lord.

And yet you will not fail to notice, that these favorable reports come from only a part of our churches. The number which have received new members this year by profession of faith, is not quite a hundred, while one hundred and forty-five have received no such additions. A few more have received members by letter, but we have one hundred and twenty-seven churches which do not report a single addition for the year.

And then we have sixty churches without ministers; just about a quarter of our whole number. A portion of these are in the transition between the last minister and the coming one. But the reports say of many of them, that they have had no preaching this year.

Only six of our Conferences report a net gain; seven have lost, and in one, the gain and loss are equal. In more than half our churches, there is a loss.

The most significant question we can put is this: What is the age of the members of these churches? How many of them are young? Is it

or is it not true that the Sabbath schools are bringing the rising generation to Christ? This is a test question as respects the value of the Sabbath school. One church of seventy-two members, has answered the question in this way: above sixty years of age, nearly one half; between forty and sixty, one third; less than forty, a little more than one sixth. There are too many facts which indicate that the religious agencies which are most in use among us, are not efficient in bringing the children of the church to Christ. Why is it?

The number of ministers in actual service is not far from one hundred and eighty. Dividing the number added to the churches on profession of faith by this, it appears that the average number added to the churches for a year of ministerial labor, is not quite three and one half. This is much less than it is in other parts of the country. Last year, taking all the Congregational churches of the United States, the average number added to the churches for a year of ministerial labor, was nearly six.

The number of children baptized last year was one hundred and forty-three; less than one to a church. Or, taking the whole number of church members, we have one baptism to one hundred and forty members. This is only about half the proportion of children baptized to church members in our denomination throughout the country.

On the whole, while there is much in the results of the past year to encourage us, there are many things which suggest the inquiry whether we are making these religious institutions as fruitful as we should;—whether the methods we are following are the wisest;—whether we are doing our whole duty to the vast population which looks to our churches for its religious influences;—whether we may not be neglecting some of God's own appointments. Especially we should inquire whether we have not neglected the family covenant, and the influences of the Christian home. Do we not need to make more prominent than we have done, the promises of God to the children of His own people, and the seal of the everlasting covenant?

E. H. BYINGTON,
Corresponding Secretary.

BRUNSWICK, ME., June 20, 1874.

NECROLOGY.

Rev. SAMUEL HILL MERRILL, died in Scarboro', Sept. 18, 1873, æt 68.

Mr. M. was born in Buxton, Me., May 12, 1805. His preparatory studies were pursued under Dr. Beeman, in Troy, and Dr. Kirk, in Albany, N. Y., and his Theological course, with Rev. M. Cummings, of Stratham, N. H., in 1827—30. His first sermon was preached in New Market, N. H., in 1828, and he began his pastoral labors in Barrington, N. H., in 1830. In 1834, he was an Agent of the Am. Tract Society, in Indiana. Graduated from Lane Seminary, in 1835; was colleague with Rev. Lyman Beecher, at Cincinnati, in 1836; S. S. in Center Harbor, N. H., Sep., 1838 to 1840; in Amesbury, Mass., from 1840; in Kennebunk Port, South, Nov. 9, 1845, to Apr. 12, 1846; in Old Town, from Oct. 1, 1846, where he was installed pastor, January 5, 1848,—remaining until July 9, 1854; S. S. in Bluehill, Sep. 10, 1854, to Nov. 1855; Portland, Bethel church, Feb. 3, 1856, to Feb. 5, 1864; after a month at East Machias, he was commissioned, Feb., 1864, Chaplain of Baker's Cavalry, D. C., and afterwards of the First Maine Cavalry, in which he was a favorite; loved and honored for his coolness and intrepidity, and his high toned Christian character. Returning home after the war, he wrote by appointment a history of the varied, protracted and severe campaigns of the Regiment, which was published. In July, 1866, he was appointed Agent for New England of the Am. Bible Society, continuing until 1869. From August, 1871, he was acting pastor at Scarboro.' On the Sabbath, Aug. 31, 1874, he entered his pulpit, and after introductory services, announced the text of his sermon,—"There is but a step between me and death." In a moment he stopped, sat down upon the sofa, and was carried to his room, where he remained patiently waiting, until the Master called him home.

Mr. M. presented for nearly half a century with wonderful force, and with a peculiar winning tenderness, the unsearchable riches of the Gospel. In all his intercourse with the people with whom he came in contact, he was always cordially received. His heartiness, and agreeable manners, his earnestness and stirring appeals will long be remembered.

The announcement of his death, came by telegraph, at the re-union of the Cavalry Regiment in Bangor, on the evening of the day he died. Interesting reminiscences were given by officers and privates, of their beloved Chaplain. The funeral was held at the meeting house, Sep. 20, at 2 P. M. Revs. Stephen Thurston, and Henry G. Storer, conducting the services. The latter read a part of the sermon which Mr. M. was to have preached on the day he was stricken down, in reference to the death of one of his parishoners. (Portland Press and Mirror, Sep. 19, 24.) Letter from him during the war, Ch. Mirror, Dec. 6, 1864; return home, Aug. 22, 1865. Notice of his History of the Regiment, Mirror June 5, 1866.

FORMER MINISTERS.

Rev. JOHN FLAVEL GRISWOLD, died in Brooklyn, N. Y., February 15, 1872, æt. 77 years.

Mr. G. was born in Greenfield, Mass., the son of Theodore Griswold, April 14, 1795. Graduated from Yale College, 1821; Andover Seminary, 1824. Ordained Nov. 8, 1825;

Home Missionary in N. H., 1825—6; S. S. in New Gloucester, Me., 1827; installed Dec. 3, 1828, Second ch. South Hadley Falls; Dis., 1832; installed pastor, Newfane, Fayettville Parish, Vt., Apr. 10, 1834; Dis. July 31, 1839; pastor Hartland, Vt., Sep. 10, 1839, to Feb. 13, 1844; S. S. Washington, N. H., July, 1844 to 1846. His summer home has been in Bernardstown, Mass.

Rev. JOHN WALTER PIERCE, died in Highgate, Vt., March 2, 1872, æt 60.

Mr. P. was born in Sutton, Mass., a son of John and Lucy Pierce. His preparatory studies were pursued at the Bangor Classical School, four years, and he graduated from Bangor Seminary, in 1840. He commenced his work in the ministry at Hudson, Michigan; was afterwards at Harpersville, N. Y. Being in poor health, he labored for awhile in a secular agency. He resumed his ministry at East Westminster, Vt., in 1851. In 1853, he went to Jericho, Vt., remaining four years; was at Highgate, and St. Albans' Bay, one year. From 1859 to 1864, he labored in Tremont, and Mt. Desert, Me. Thence to Clinton, Mass., four years; afterwards went to Highgate, to reside being unable to preach. In 1871, he again resumed the ministry, at West Townsend, Vt. He returned to Highgate, and not long after died of consumption. His widow and three children, now at Jericho, Vt.

Mr. P. was nobly earnest, and self-sacrificing in his Master's service. (Notice by J. P. S., in Cong. Apr. 2, 1874. Cong. Quar. July, 1874, p. 476—7.)

Rev. CHARLES SHAW ADAMS, died in Hillsdale, Michigan, July 29, 1873, æt. 76.

Mr. A. was the son of Dr. Samuel Adams, for six years a surgeon in the war of Independence, and was born in Bath, Me., May 31, 1797. After a preparatory course at Phillips Academy, he entered Bowdoin College, graduating in 1823. He studied Theology with Rev. Benjamin Tappan, of Augusta, and was licensed to preach, Nov. 10, 1824. Ordained pastor at Newfield, Me., Sep. 17, 1828, ministering to that church, and at Parsonsfield, until Dec. 27, 1831. Installed pastor at Wells, Second ch., Dec. 28, 1831; dismissed Jany. 13, 1834. The following year was devoted to the interests of the Am. Education Society. Supplied at Dartmouth, two years. Installed June 13, 1840, pastor to the church in Coventry, R. I., remaining two years. Missionary labors in the Western States occupied the next two years. In January, 1846, installed pastor of the church in Westford, remaining until 1859. In the autumn of that year, he commenced preaching in Strongsville, Ohio, and after two years' service, was called to Southern Michigan. After ministering to the Pres. ch. in Quincy, he retired from active service, by reason of the infirmities incident to advanced years. In 1864, he removed to Hillsdale, Mich., preaching occasionally as his health permitted, until within a few days of his death. His last illness, brain fever, was short. His most affectionate wife, attended him for a few days, when her strength failed. On the morning of the 29th of July, her gentle spirit fled to its heavenly abode; a few hours later, he breathed his last, unaware that she who had been his happy and honored companion for nearly fifty years, had preceded him to the society of the blest. They were buried in one grave. "Lovely and pleasant in their lives, in death they were not divided." [M. H. A.]

Rev. SAMUEL HOWE TOLMAN, died in Nelson, N. H., Oct. 6, 1873, æt. 47.

Mr. T. was born in Dunstable, Mass., August 21, 1826. Fitted for College in Atkinson N. H., and Kimball Academy, in Meriden, N. H. Graduated at Dartmouth College, 1848; Andover Seminary, 1852, continuing his studies at East Windsor Seminary, Conn., in 1853. City Missionary, and Stated Supply at Weeks St., church, Bath, Me., Jan. 1854-56. Ordained pastor at Wilmington, Mass., Aug. 14, 1856. Dis. June 7, 1870. Installed, Lenox, Mass., April 2, 1872. He resigned on account of ill health, spending the summer of 1873 in Nelson, N. H., resting and recruiting. A week before his death, he preached in Swanzey, N. H., and while returning on Monday from Oxford and Lenox, and when

he had nearly reached home, he went into an unoccupied barn, and took his life by hanging. He had been greatly depressed in spirits for months; his brain was diseased and shattered, and he was preparing to enter upon other pursuits.

He was remarkably well fitted for the work of the Christian ministry. His heart and life were in his work as pastor and preacher. His whole being seemed to be imbued with a spirit of genuine piety; ever meek, gentle, Christ-like. During his ministry at Wilmington, he passed through a memorable season of revival, as a result of which, 40 were added to the church. He was faithful unto death. Funeral services were held at Nelson, N. H., Revs. G. Duston and A. Holbrook officiating. He leaves a widow and two children. [*Notice in Cong. Nov.* 20, 1873, *by Rev. B. A. Robie.*]

Rev. ISAAC JONES, died in Derry, N. H., Nov. 4, 1873, æt. 91.

Mr. J. was born in Hopkinton, (now Ashland) Mass., Aug. 11, 1789. Graduated at Williams' College, 1810; studied Theology with Rev. Samuel Austin, D. D., of Worcester; licensed to preach, 1812; ordained pastor Cong. church, Candia, N. H., Feb. 7, 1816; labored as acting-pastor or Missionary, in different parts of New England, and in the midst of several precious revivals of religion. In 1821, he supplied the pulpit in Topsham, a few months, and took part in the re-organization of the church. In 1823—4, he was a Missionary in Belfast, Limington, Newfield, and Parsonsfield, and in 1828, several months at Warren. He afterwards performed Missionary labor in Manchester, Vt.; Plaistow, Nashua, Bradford, Wilton, Kingston, and Durham, N. H.; Salisbury, Sharon, Lynnfield, Newburyport, Danvers, Billenica (2 years), Andover, Reading, South Wellfleet, Methuen and Carlyle, Mass.; Tiverton, R. I. (3 years.)

In 1842, he purchased a small farm in Derry, N. H., and resided there until his death. He writes, Aug. 20, 1867: "I am reminded of many excellent ministers and people in Maine, with whom I was formerly acquainted,—but alas! they are gone,—and soon I must render up my final account." His last illness was short, a chill following a morning walk; gradually sinking, until the end.

Rev. THOMAS LONG ELLIS, died in Paxton, Mass., Nov. 11, 1873, æt. 48.

Mr. E. was born in Buckfield, Me., Oct. 21, 1825. Educated at High School and Seminary at Warren, Mass., and studied for a time in Yale College. Graduated at Bangor Seminary, 1853. Was tutor for a time in a family at New Orleans, and Principal of an Academy in Maryland; went to Alton, N. H., in Sep., 1856. Performed Missionary labors in Harpswell, Me., 1857; Stockton, Dec. 27, 1857—8; Princeton, 1859, where he was ordained as an Evangelist, June 9, 1859; Oxford, 1860 to Mar., 1861; Harrison, Naples and Casco, Apr., 1861—2; Kittery, Nov. 19, 1863 to 1868; North Scituate, R. I., April 19, 1868—70; afterwards to Paxton, Mass., June 29, 1871, where he was installed pastor, Sep. 26, 1871. A revival had just preceded his coming, and he received 48 to the the church. After that, the prayer meetings were sustained with great interest,-to a revival level,—and from 2 to 4 have been received to the church at each communion season. His labors were too much for his feeble frame, and in the summer of 1873, he took a vacation. He returned to his labors, but was soon confined to his bed by typhoid fever, from which he never recovered. He felt that his work was done, and that all was just right. The same loving trust sustained him in death, that cheered him in life. He leaves a widow and five children.

Rev. RICHARD WOODHULL, died in Bangor, Nov. 12, 1873, æt. 72.

Mr. W. was born in Fairfield, Conn., Jan. 15, 1802. He made a profession of religion in 1820. He moved to Saco, April, 1822, and to Sep., 1823, was engaged in preparing for College, some of the time residing in the family of Rev. Jonathan Cogswell. He graduated at Bowdoin College, in 1827. Teacher of the High School in Brunswick, during part of his Senior year. Studied in Princeton, N. J., Nov., 1827, to May, 1828. After-

wards, Principal of the Bangor Classical School, connected with the Theological Seminary, at the same time studying Theology with Professor John Smith. Ordained pastor at Thomaston, July 7, 1830, where he remained until March 6, 1855. Supplying the pulpit at Rockport, in the summer of 1855; he was appointed in October of that year, an Agent of the Am. Bible Society, for New England, continuing until Nov., 1862. From November, 1862 to June, 1873, he was Treasurer and General Agent of the Bangor Theological Seminary, also a Trustee of the Insane State Asylum; he was a Trustee from 1857, and President of the Board from 1860 to 1869. He was also a Trustee in Bowdoin College for many years, and of the Maine Congregational Charitable Society. In 1852—4, he was Moderator of the General Conference, and the preacher of the Conference Sermon in 1849. Rev. S. P. Fay, of Hammond St., church, Bangor, the pastor of the church of which Mr. W. was a member from Dec. 6, 1856, preached a commemorative sermon, Nov. 23, a portion of which was published in the Congregational Quarterly for April, 1874, p. 323. Rev. J. K. Mason, pastor of the church in Thomaston, delivered a memorial discourse, Nov. 23, 1873, which was published. Theme.—A completed life. Dr. Pond in a notice of him in the Bangor Courier, Nov. 13, says: "He was a faithful man in every situation in life. As a preacher, he was sound, solid, instructive, impressive. As a pastor he was attentive, watchful and kind. As a husband, father, citizen and member of the church of Christ, he was greatly honored and beloved. Entrusted with the finacial concerns of the Seminary, he was not only faithful, but eminently skillful and successful. He will be greatly missed, and long remembered, and yet considering the painful nature of his disease,—an incurable cancer of the face—his death should be regarded, as to him, a release."

Rev. PINDAR FIELD, died in Hamilton, New York, Nov. 24, 1863, æt. 80.

Mr. F. was born in Sunderland, Mass., May 1, 1794. He was converted at the age of 21, and immediately commenced his labors for the conversion of others, which he continued through life. His preliminary education was commenced at Ashfield Academy. He also studied one year with Rev. Moses Halleck. Entered Williams College, remaining three years, and graduated at Amherst College in 1822. Studied at Andover Sem. 18 months. In 1824—26, he was stated supply at Old Town, and Missionary to the Penobscot tribe of Indians, and afterwards in some of the new settlements of Maine. Subsequently he supplied at Palmer, Mass., Sangersfield, N. Y. At Madison, N. Y., he was ordained, and his labors were greatly blessed—70 being added to the church. Thence he went to Bridgewater as an Evangelist, and to Hamilton, N. Y., in 1828, where he aided in organizing the Second Cong. church and was installed pastor. In 1850, he was installed at Marshall, N. Y. Afterwards he labored in North Pitcher, Cincinnatus, Lebanon, Pitcher, Columbus, Oriskany Falls, and Munsville. Since 1859 he has occasionally preached, as his health permitted, in Peterboro', North Pitcher, Hamilton, and other places. For several years past he has been visited with severe sickness. In his last attack, he was a great sufferer. He endured with great fortitude and submission, enjoying much of the presence and consolation of his Saviour. His first wife died at Munsville, N. Y. His surviving widow was Mrs. M. M. Coney, of Old Town, now residing in Hamilton, N. Y. (*Notice in Cong. Dec.* 25, 1873.)

Rev. NATHAN WEBB SHELDON, died in Natick, Mass., at the residence of his son-in-law, Royal T. Nash, November 26, 1873, æt. 82.

Mr. S. was born in Woolwich, Me., Oct. 19, 1792. He went one voyage to sea, and afterwards engaged in trade. He commenced studies at Lincoln Academy, New Castle, and graduated at Bangor Seminary in 1822. Ordained at Brownville, June 2, 1824. Dismissed March 20, 1833; S. S. at Lincoln, 1833; Cherryfield and Steuben, Dec. '33, to March, 1834; installed colleague pastor with Rev. Daniel Gould, Rumford, July 23, 1834.

remaining to 1837; S. S., Gray, from Sep. 16, 1837; installed pastor January 22, 1838; dis. Oct. 25, 1844; S. S. North Angusta, 1845—7; Sidney and Vassalboro', 1845—9; Windsor, 1850—1; Washington, 1851—5; Readfield, Raymond, Casco, Naples, 1854—6; Waldoboro', March, 1856 to January, 1857; Parsonsfield, 1857; Springfield, Carroll and Lee, 1860; Harrison, 1862; Brownville, 1863—4; Monmouth, 1864; Bradford, 1866. He removed to Natick Mass., in 1870. Mr. S. was an excellent sermonizer, and peculiarly gifted in prayer. His life was shortened by a bronchial tumour. He suffered much, but very patient. (*Notice F. N. P. in Cong., Jan.* 15, 1874.)

Rev. CALEB FESSENDEN PAGE, died at Milton Mills, N. H., December 6, 1873, æt 75.

Mr. P. was born in Fryeburg, Me., Feb. 15, 1798. He fitted for college at Fryeburg Academy; graduated at Bowdoin College, 1820; studied theology with Rev. David Thurston, of Winthrop. Licensed to preach in 1822. Ordained Pastor at Limington, Nov. 5, 1823. Dis. Sep. 24, 1833. The church more than doubled its membership during his ministry. Installed pastor at Bridgton, Oct. 23, 1833. His most acceptable and useful ministry of seventeen years in B. was interrupted by dissensions on questions of reform. His high sense of honor was touched, regarding his influence and his rights, and he retired. He was dismissed March 26, 1850. He removed to Granby, Conn., remaining until 1855; thence to Greenville, Mass., where he was colleague with Dr. Cooley, three years; in Tolland, Mass., three years; S. S. in Colebrook, N. H., 1851—1855; Milton Mills, N. H., where he resided six years. He had retired from the ministry three years. Rev. Wm. Warren writes respecting him—"No blot rested upon his mantle, or his ministry. * * Few pastors have enjoyed as many revivals of religion as he. * Of quick, sharp intellect, prompt decisions, and rare discernment of character, and of means adapted to ends;—with rare social qualities, fine personal appearance and manners, he won his way readily to the hearts of men. Nor did he ever betray or abuse confidence. His aim was, to lead souls to Christ. His earnest, warm-hearted advocacy of gospel truth and doctrines he so much loved, wrought corresponding results in his lengthened ministry. * * We loved his christian and personal qualities. His inspirations were always healthful. We loved him still under the melting influences of age, when his sun was getting low, and the tides of life were ebbing. He was better, riper, holier—as he neared Heaven. He fell from life's tree of honor and fruitfulness, late in its autumn. The fruit had indeed outlived the leaf, and was all the more observed and beautiful for this. As it rested on life's bent bough, the color and fragrance were of heaven."

Rev. JOHN SMITH died in Stamford, Conn., Feb. 20, 1874, æt 78.

Mr. S. was born in Wethersfield, Conn., Sept. 2, 1796. He graduated at Yale College, in 1821. Studied theology at Princeton, in 1821, 22, and in Andover, 1823, 4. Installed pastor at Trenton, N. J., March 8, 1826; First church, Exeter, N. H., March 8, 1829; Wilson, Conn., Feb. 20, 1839; Kingston, N. Y., July 26, 1848; First church York, Me., Oct. 9, 1850; dismissed March 20, 1855; acting pastor at Long Ridge and Stamford, Conn., 1855—8. The remainder of his life was spent with his children, in Stamford, Conn. "The blessing of his Master was with this servant of Christ, wherever he preached. The sheaves of his harvest were neither few nor small. His record is that of a hard-working, self-denying minister of Christ. From the beginning to the close of his long christian life, he was singularly consecrated to the life in which he took delight."

Rev. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN MANWELL, died in Lawler, Iowa, Feb. 24. 1874; of lung fever, æt 43.

Mr. M. was born in Jay, Me., Feb. 18, 1831. Graduated at Bowdoin College in 1859. Bangor Seminary, 1862. He was stated supply in Topsfield in 1861, during which time a church was organized at that place. Installed pastor at South Bridgton, October 1, 1862, and closed labors there, Nov. 25, 1866. From June 10, 1866, to Nov. 25, 1866, preaching Sabbath afternoons in Denmark; stated supply in Turner, from Nov. 27,

1866, to Dec. 1867; at Mattapoisett, Mass., from May 1, 1868; afterwards at Blandford, Mass., 1871; thence to labor in Plattsmouth, Nebraska, and Lawler, Iowa. He was an earnest and faithful minister. He leaves a widow and five children.

Rev. URIAH BALKAM was thrown from his horse, in Lewiston, Me., and instantly killed, March 4, 1874, æt 62.

Dr. B. was born in Robbinston, Me., March 27, 1812. Graduated from Amherst College, 1837. Bangor Seminary, 1840. Stated supply in Union from Aug. 1, 1840, where he was ordained as pastor, June 15, 1841; dis. Sept. 20, 1844. Installed pastor at Wiscasset, Jan. 22, 1845; dis. Oct. 26, 1854. Stated supply in Lewiston, from Oct., 1854, where he was installed pastor, Jan. 30, 1856; resigned, April, 1870; dis. June 22, 1871. He afterwards supplied the pulpit in Bethel, 1st ch., and other places in Maine, Massachusetts, and elsewhere. In August, 1873, he was elected "Cobb Professor of Logic and Christian Evidences," in Bates College, Lewiston, from whom, in 1867, he received the degree of S. T. D.

Rev. Aaron C. Adams, who was pastor at Auburn during a part of Dr. Balkam's ministry, gave interesting and discriminating characteristics of him as a scholar, pastor, and preacher, in Mirror; and Rev. W. H. Bolster, of Wiscasset, in his discourse in memoriam, set forth the character of Elijah, as affording some striking peculiarities in the character, work, and influence of Dr. B. (Remarks of President Cheney, and reso. of Bates College, Lewiston Journal, June 17.)

During the war, he was chaplain of the Sixteenth Maine Regiment. He participated in all the marches and battles, under Gen. Grant, in 1864, with unfaltering bravery and perseverance. He enjoyed the esteem of all—administering to the temporal and spiritual needs of the soldiers without stint.

Funeral services were held in Pine st. ch., Mar. 6, Revs. G. S. Dickerman, J. S. Burgess, of Lewiston; Dr. Fiske, of Bath; W. H. Bolster, of Wiscasset, and Matthews, of Auburn, taking part in the services.

Rev. ABEL GATES DUNCAN died in Hanover, Mass., Apr. 23, 1874, æt 72.

Mr. D. was born in Chester, Vt., June 25, 1802. From 1818 to 1823, he was clerk in an apothecary's store in Brattleboro, Vt. Afterwards in business at Northampton, Mass., and made a profession of religion at same time with Dea. John P. Williston. Soon after began to study for the ministry, and graduated at Bangor Seminary in 1828. Stated supply in Jackson and Brooks, May 13, 1829, to 1834. Installed pastor Hanover, Mass., in Aug., 1833, remaining 20 years. Assonet (Freetown), 11 yrs.; Scotland, Bridgewater, Mass., 6 years. Returned to Hanover, Mass., in 1872. He died a triumphant christian death, exclaiming—"O, glorious, glorious Saviour, nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling!"

Rev. BERIAH GREEN, died suddenly in Whitesboro, N. Y., May 4, 1874, æt 79.

Mr. G. was born in Preston, Conn., March 14, 1795. He pursued his studies with Dr. John Sargent, Jr., Pawlet, Vt.; Union (now Kimball) Academy, Plainfield, N. H., and graduated at Dartmouth College, 1819. Was one year at Andover (1820) afterwards Instructor in Phillips Academy. Licensed to preach, by the Association of New London Co., May 29, 1821; Ordained in Brandon, Vt., Apr. 16, 1823; installed pastor of the Union Evangelical ch. Kennebunk, July 31, 1829; dismissed Sept. 28, 1830. While in Kennebunk, he was invited to the Professorship of Sacred Literature in the Bangor Theological Seminary, and to the same position in Western Reserve College, Hudson, Ohio.—Removed to Hudson in 1830, where he was called to the head-ship of Oneida Institute, Whitesboro, N. Y. He was President of the Convention at Philadelphia, in 1833, which formed the American Anti-Slavery Society. He was called the "inspired prophet of the occasion." Events then predicted, have come to pass. He left Hudson in 1833, and was connected with the Oneida Institute ten years. From 1844 to 1867 he supplied the church in Whitesboro. An earnest man, and a reformer to the last; for he died while addressing the board of excisemen, on granting licenses, in Whitesboro.

Rev. THOMAS TENNEY, died in Plymouth, Iowa, (of typhoid pneumonia) May 7, 1874, æt 76.

Mr. T. was born in Groveland, formerly Bradford, Mass., Nov. 10, 1798. A brother of Revs. Sewall, Charles, and Daniel Tenney.

Graduated at Dartmouth College, 1825; studied Theology with Rev. N. Bouton, D. D. Concord, N. H., and Rev. Bennett Tyler, D. D., of Portland. Preceptor of Academy Hanover and Hampton, N. H., and High School at Portland, Me. Ordained in Standish, Dec. 23, 1829. Dismissed in 1836; taught in Gorham Academy four years; Preceptor of Grand River Institute, Astabula, Ohio, six years. Resumed the ministry in 1845. Was in Somers, Wis., 4 years; Bristol, Wis., 4 years; since that at Mason City, Shell Rock, and Plymouth, Iowa. An able scholar, and faithful minister. He leaves four children. Two sons reside in Plymouth. Two daughters, one the wife of Rev. Cyrus Hamlin, D. D.; the other the wife of Rev. Henry K. Craig, formerly of Bucksport.

Rev. JOHN USHER PARSONS died of paralysis, in Wellesley, Mass., May 21, 1874, æt. 68.

Mr. P. was born in Parsonsfield, Me., Nov. 1, 1806. Educated at Effingham, N. H., and Limerick, Me., Academy. Graduated at Bowdoin College, 1828; Andover Seminary, 1831. Ordained Sep. 12, 1831. Was a Home Missionary from 1831—34 in Indiana; taking an active part in establishing free schools in that State, and for a time, Principal of a Teachers' Seminary. In 1835, he was stated supply in Westbrook; settled in Berkeley, Mass., 1836—8; Home Missionary in Wisconsin, 1839—42; Principal of the Seminary, Plymouth, N. H., 1844. His health failing, he went to Georgia, where he remained nine years. Having recovered, he labored as an Evangelist in Griffin, Thyatira, Athens, Lagrange, Longcase, Greensboro', Madison, Decatur, Barnsville, Americus, Bethesda, and other places in that State. Returned east in 1853, and was stated supply at Hyannis, Mass., 1853—6. In 1856—7, he was in Kansas, with a colony. Came to Maine again, and was in New Sharon in 1858; First and Second churches in Bristol, from Feb. 1, 1859 to Aug. 3, 1862; Sandford, 1st church, July '64—65; several towns in Hancock county, 1866—7; after this, resident in North Acton, Me., and Wellesley, Mass. Mr. P. was intent on doing good. He wrote in 1867, that he had preached in every State west of the Mississippi; four States east of it; also in New England, Canada and New Brunswick. His labors as an Evangelist were generally followed by revivals. In 16 of the churches, the number of conversions ranged from 15 to 300. Twenty-seven of the young men became preachers of the gospel; hundreds were known to him, and to each other, as "Christian Covenanters"; pledging to God and to each other, a consecrated, holy life.

He published while a teacher, the Analytical Primer and Spelling Book, and perhaps some other Elementary Text Books; also, several religious Tracts. He had recently issued, "The Philanthropies," with an introduction by Dr. Kirk, showing the practical workings of Christianity, on the "New Life;" the Gospel of Christ, the only Gospel of humanity. [Notice Cong. June 11.]

Rev. AMOS G. BEMAN, died in New Haven, Conn., June 29, 1874, æt. 63.

Mr. B. was a native of Colchester, Conn., and resided in New Haven, from 1837.

Acting pastor of the Abyssinian, or 4th church, Portland, from 1857 to 1860. Resided for a time at Jamaica, R. I. Called from Temple Street church, New Haven, in May, 1870, to Second church (col'd), Pittsfield, Mass.

The average age of 16 of the above ministers is 74 years; of the whole number (19), 69 years.

ADDITIONAL NOTICES,

of Rev. RUFUS M. SAWYER, in Congregational Quarterly, Oct., 1873, p. 575—6, by W. A. F., pastor at Winthrop and York, died in La Mars, Iowa, Aug. 21, '72. (Minutes 1873, p. 30):—of Rev. JOSEPH C. LOVEJOY, in Triennial Catalogue of Bowdoin College, 1873, p. 108. Pastor in Old Town, died in Cambridgeport, Mass., Oct. 19, 1871. (Minutes 1872, p. 23.)

STATISTICAL TABLES.

The Post-Office Address of Ministers will be found at the end of the Minutes. In Donations, fractions of dollars are omitted.

EXPLANATIONS.—S. S., STATED SUPPLY. M. A., MINISTERIAL AGE, viz.—number of years in the ministry. P. A., PASTORAL AGE, viz.—number of years pastor of the church.

AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, Second Saturday and Sunday in June.—Organized in Houlton, Jan'y 22, 1846.—Semi-annual Meeting, third Saturday and Sunday in Sept.

	CHURCHES.—1874, May 3.—MINISTERS.				CHURCH MEM., May 3, 1874.					Admitted.—1873-4.—Removed.								Baptized.		
Place and Name.	*Organized.*	*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Inst. or S. S.*	*MA*	*PA*	*Mle*	*Fm*	*Tot*	*Abs*	*Prf*	*Let.*	*Tot*	*Dth*	*Dis*	*Ex.*	*Tot*	*Adl*	*Inf*	*S. Sch*	*Cont.*
Burlington	1827, July 12	Ezra Andrews, s. s.	Licentiate.	1873, July.	....	....	8	15	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	106	$ 0
Caribou	1869, July 18	William T. Sleeper.	1854, June 29	1872, Jan. 1	20	2	9	16	25	1	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	3	0	*65	8
Carroll and Springfield	1846, Mar. 14	Wm. Peacock, s s.	Licentiate.	1873, July 1	....	....	7	11	18	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fort Fairfield	1844, Oct. 8	Wm. T. Sleeper.	1854, June 29	1872, Jan. 1	....	....	14	27	41	8	8	6	14	0	0	0	0	8	0	40	13
Hodgdon and Linneus	1845, Sept. 25	Vacant.	No organization.		....	....	6	8	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Houlton	1833, Jan. 24	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	3	18	21	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	70	2
Island Falls	1859, Sept. 21	(2)W. F. Bickford, s. s.	Licentiate.	1873, Feb. 5	....	....	5	8	13	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	5	0	0	30	5
Lee	1863, July 10	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	5	12	17	8	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
Lincoln	1831, Aug. 3	James H. Crosby, s. s.	Licentiate.	1870, Aug. 7	....	....	3	20	23	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	191
Passadumkeag	1845, Mar. 1	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	2	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0
Patten	1840, Mar. 1	(2)W. F. Bickford, s. s.	Licentiate.	1873, Feb. 5	....	....	18	38	56	11	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	37
Presque Isle	1865, July 30	(3)Daniel W. Hardy, s.s.	Licentiate.	1871.	...	...	5	9	14	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	53	0
Sherman, (Washburn Memorial ch.	1861, May 29	Thomas E. Brastow.	1865, Oct. 11	1872, Sept. 25	9	2	33	54	87	14	4	1	5	2	0	0	2	0	0	175	44
Thirteen.		2 Pastors. 3 S. S.=5.	Av. Min'l & Past'l Age.		14	2	118	241	359	60	18	7	25	5	9	0	14	11	0	673	$300

Average as stated supply, three years. (1)Rev. Marcus R. Keep, three months. (2)Left Patten and Island Falls, July 1, 1874. *Union School.

Rev. Marcus R. Keep, ordained 1847, Jan. 4, Fort Kent. Portage Lake, Oxbow, and Moro.—Rev. Andrew Wiren (Lutheran) New Sweden, a native of Stockholm, Sweden. Studied in Galesburg, Ill., and Phila., Pa. Ordained 1870, Apr. 17, in Selim's Grove, Pa.—*Without Charge*—Rev. Elbridge Knight, Fort Fairfield, Ordained 1843, Sept. 13.

Licentiates.—J. C. Whitcomb, 3 mos. from July 1, 1873; Herbert A. Loring, 3 mos. from Sep. 26, 1873; Alfred McGowan, from June 5, 1874. KINGMAN.—John G. Evans, 3 mos. from July 1, 1873; Jonathan Edwards, from June 5, 1874. LINCOLN.—Charles B. Woodcock, 7 mos. from Oct. 19, 1873; Zenas Crowell, from June 5, 1874, OLAMON and vicinity.

NO SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING was held in Fort Fairfield, May 23, 24, 1874. Chas. F. A. Johnson, of Presque Isle, MODERATOR. Conference Sermon, by Rev. Thomas E. Brastow, Matt. 5:48. "Be ye perfect." &c.—The Christian's aims, and dangers. At the close of the service, four were received to the church by letter, and six on profession of their faith. The Lord's Supper administered by Revs. Stacey Fowler, of Mass., and T. E. Brastow. A Report of the state of the churches was presented by the Scribe, Rev. W. T. Sleeper. Topic for discussion—What doctrines constitute a church evangelical, and what errors make one unevangelical. A praise meeting was held Sabbath evening. A Branch Society of the Woman's Board of Missions was organized, Mrs W. T. Sleeper, President; Mrs. A. C. Cary, Sec.; Mrs. H. Stevens, Treas. (Report in North Star, May 30.)

AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE—Continued.

DEDICATION OF MEETING-HOUSE in Fort Fairfield, May 24. Order of Service—Organ Voluntary; Sentence by the choir; Scripture selections, Rev. T. E. Brastow; Hymn "Love on earth appears;" Dedicatory prayer, Rev. Wm. T. Sleeper; Anthem, "Beautiful are thy towers;" Sermon, Rev. Stacey Fowler, of Millbury, Mass.—Haggai 2:7, "I will fill this house with glory;" Dedicatory hymn. From the statement of the chairman of the Building Committee, Rev. W. T. Sleeper, the cost of the entire property was estimated at $4,300;—the organ was presented by Hon. F. Robie, and the Cong. ch. Gorham; a steel bell, weighing 800 lbs., was procured by the efforts of Rev. Stacey Fowler, of Millbury, Mass.; $600 was paid by churches in the State; $500 by the Am. Congregational Union. (Report North Star, May 30 and June 6.) Rev. W. T. Sleeper will supply the 2d, 4th and 5th Sabbaths in Fort Fairfield. Rev. Wm. T. Savage, of Franklin, N. H., formerly pastor in Houlton, writes in answer to an invitation to attend the dedication, that he has a vivid recollection of the romantic and interesting organization of the church of five members, at Fort Fairfield, in 1844, in a cabin at Maple Grove.—Rev. S. Fowler preached in Caribou, May 31.

The DEDICATION OF THE MEETING-HOUSE IN MEDWAY, took place June 16. SERVICES—Singing; Reading of the Scriptures, by Jonathan Edwards; Historical Address, by Wm. B. Hayford, of Bangor; Dedicatory Address, by Rev. John T. Rae, of Bridgton; Dedicatory Prayer, by Rev. George W. Field, of Bangor; Addresses by Rev. S. P. Fay, Rev. G.W. Field, Dea. J. S. Wheelwright, and Wm. G. Duren, of Bangor; Singing; Benediction, by Rev. S. P. Fay. The idea of building a church edifice was formed in 1871, when Mr. J. T. Rae, then pursuing his studies in Bangor, was spending his vacation at Medway, as a missionary. Mr. W. B. Hayford, of Bangor, and others, entered heartily into the plan, and with aid procured from various sources, the work has been completed, and no debt remains unpaid. Mr. B. N. Fisk, of Medway, gave the land; Mr. Billings, of Boston, paid $500 for the spire, besides securing $200 from the Sabbath School with which he is connected. A bell is to be provided. (Reported Ch. Mir. June 30.)

The Meeting-House property in Patten is estimated at $6000; the Meeting-House and Parsonage in Sherman, $5000.

Rev. DANIEL W. HARDY preached his farewell sermon at Presque Isle, Oct., 1873. He receives a call from Stowe, Vt.—J. W. Whitcomb left Kingman, and went to Kansas.

A Conference of the churches was held at Caribou, Feb. 14, 15, 1874.

Southern Aroostook Co. was canvassed by J. W. Kellogg, as a Colporteur of the American Bible Society. L. B. Rogers, of Patten, Depositary.

A Sabbath School Institute was held in Houlton, Dec. 10—12, 1873.

NEW SWEDEN.—Rev. Andrew Wiren has continued the Pastor and Teacher of the colony in this place. In the winter, he commenced a "Confirmation" School, which met twice a week, for instruction. On Christmas morning, a service was held at 6 o'clock in the Hall, which was finely decorated and lighted. A similar celebration was also held, according to the Swedish custom, on New Year's day, at 6 o'clock A. M.—Rev. W. T. Sleeper preached from Luke 2:8—Rev. M. Sundall (Baptist) preached from a text in Isaiah; and the pastor, Rev. A. Wiren, from the text—"I am with you alway." Rev. W. T. Sleeper presented to the Society, in behalf of the donor, Hon. W. W. Thomas, of Portland, an organ, worth $150.

Mr. Wiren spent a Sabbath in August, 1873, at Hellerup, a new Danish colony, ten miles from Grand Falls, a little east of St. Johns river, and 30 miles from New Sweden. The Danes are Lutherans; and although the Swedish and Danish dialects are somewhat different, yet he had no difficulty in making the people understand him. They enjoyed his conversation and preaching.

Mr. Wiren left, May 16, by steamer "City of Chester," with his wife, for a visit to Old Sweden.—Rev. George Wiberg supplies his place, during his absence.

Rev. W. T. Sleeper sold, Jan. 1, 1874, his interest in the "North Star," which has been published two years in Caribou, to James Nutting, the printer. Mr. S. continued as editor. In July, the publication office was removed to Presque Isle, and his connection with the paper, as editor, ceased.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Burlington, Theodore Taylor; Caribou, John Henry; Carroll and Springfield, Dea. Hiram Stevens, Carroll; Fort Fairfield, Dea. Hiram Stevens; Hodgdon and Linneus, ; Houlton, Mrs. Geo. B. Page, a. c.; Island Falls, Albion Merriman; Lee, Seth H. Riggs; Lincoln, T. Fuller; Passadumkeag, E. G. Haynes; Patten, Dr. Luther Rogers; Presque Isle, C. F. A. Johnson; Sherman, P. M. Caldwell.

Rev. WILLIAM T. SLEEPER, of Caribou, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.*

Next meeting with the Washburn Memorial Church, Sherman, Sept. 19, 20, 1874.

CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, Tuesday before 2d Wednesday in June.—Organized in Gorham, Dec. 24, 1822.—Semi-annual Meeting, Tuesday, before 2d Wednesday in Jan'y.

CHURCHES.—1874, May 3.—MINISTERS. CHURCH MEM., May 3, 1874.—Admitted.—1873-4.—Removed. Baptized.

Place and Name.	*Organized.*	*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Inst. or S. S.*	*MA*	*PA*	*Mle*	*Fml*	*Tot*	*Abs*	*Prf*	*Let.*	*Tot*	*Dth*	*Dis*	*Ex.*	*Tot*	*Adl*	*Inf*	*S.Sch*	*Cont.*
Auburn, High street..	1820, Feb. 8	Anson Phelps Tinker.	1873, Oct. 16	1873, Oct. 16	1	1	96	200	296	42	11	12	23	6	0	0	6	3	0	250	$300
Auburn, West.....	1844, May 1	Lewis Goodrich, s. s.	1850, Jan. 1	1872, Oct. 24	24	....	59	84	143	49	0	1	1	7	0	0	7	0	0	117	64
Baldwin	1821, May 16	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	2	5	7	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brunswick	1747, June	Ezra H. Byington, p.e.	1859, Feb. 29	1871, Jan.	15	....	58	198	256	66	15	7	22	4	3	0	7	11	4	242	816
Cape Elizabeth	1734, Sept. 10	Edwin A. Harlow.	1863, Aug. 26	1871, Nov. 21	11	3	8	26	34	8	2	0	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	125	0
" " Ligonia	1869, Mar. 14	John P. Evans, s. s.	1868, Sept. 25	1873, June 1	6	....	28	43	71	1	11	7	18	0	3	4	7	2	14	130	71
Cumberland	1793, Sept. 15	Trueman S. Perry, s.s.	1873, June 18	1874, July 26	1	....	32	79	111	21	1	0	1	6	0	0	6	0	0	125	115
Deering, (1st Westbr'k)	1765, Apr. 8	E. Hutchinson, s. s.	.....	1873, June.	....	....	3	12	15	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	65	0
" (Woodford's cor	1872, Sept. 4	Wm. S. Stockbridge, s s.	1869, Sept. 26	1874, May 1	5	....	12	28	40	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	40
Durham.....	1776, Mar. 9	Professors Bowdoin	C. part of ti	me..... ...	....	....	8	22	30	7	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	50	25
Falmouth, First.....	1754.	John C. Adams, s. s.	1851, Aug. 19	1859, Feb. 13	23	....	26	92	118	19	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	100	47
Falmouth, Second....	1830, Sept. 15	Wm. H. Haskell, s. s.	1863, Mar. 17	1869, Jan. 1	11	....	24	63	87	26	2	0	2	7	7	2	16	1	0	52	100
Freeport	1789, Dec. 21	John J. Bulfinch,	1860, May 23	1870, Oct. 18	14	4	27	93	120	20	0	1	1	4	5	0	9	0	0	120	173
Freeport, South.....	1857, July 9	Horatio Ilsley, s. s.	1837, Oct. 26	1868, Apr. 18	37	....	25	64	89	26	0	0	0	2	11	0	13	0	0	60	248
Gorham..	1750, April 4	Leonard Z. Ferris.	1865, Nov. 30	1872, June 13	9	2	49	151	200	43	8	2	10	2	4	0	6	4	0	180	1057
Gray.....	1803, Oct. 2	Edw'd P. Eastman, s. s.	1871, Apr. 20	1874, Jan. 1	3	....	20	54	74	17	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	0	2	65	94
Harpswell.....	1753.	Elijah Kellogg, s. s.	1844, June 18	1873-4 in part	30	....	16	45	61	22	4	0	4	1	0	0	1	4	1	25	10
Lewiston, Pine st	1854. Aug. 8	George S. Dickerman.	1868, Aug. 5	1874, Mar. 12	6	....	79	197	276	99	7	9	16	3	15	0	18	3	0	200	311
Mechanic Falls	1840, June 15	Fred. E. Emerick, s. s.	Licentiate.	1874, Apr. 1	...	....	4	15	19	4	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	1	50	25
Minot Centre	1791, Sept. 8	Joseph Smith, s. s.	1842, Nov. 10	1871, Oct. 15	32	....	48	82	130	55	0	0	0	4	7	0	11	0	0	55	188
Minot, W. and Hebron.	1802, Oct. 18	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	14	20	34	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
New Gloucester.....	1765, Jan. 16	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	70	102	172	37	7	0	7	5	2	0	7	2	0	200	241
North Yarmouth, 3d ch.	1806, Sept. 30	Ernest F. Borchers, s.s.	1869, Jan. 14	1873, Dec. 10	5	....	45	65	110	22	0	1	1	5	0	0	5	0	1	124	52
Poland	1825, Nov. 2	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	1	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Portland, Second Parish	1787, Nov. 30	John J. Carruthers.	1819, June 8	1846, Aug. 9	55	28	87	278	365	35	9	9	18	7	3	0	10	5	3	236	300
Portland, High Street.....	1831, Sept. 9	William H. Fenn.	1859, Feb. 20	1896, July 25	15	8	87	270	357	72	9	7	16	9	14	0	23	6	5	276	3751
Portland, Abyssinian..	1835, Aug. 7	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	5	9	14	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Portland, Bethel	1840, Sept. 24	Francis Southworth.	1857, Oct. 23	1866, June 11	17	8	38	49	87	36	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	0	4	125	144
Portland, State street.	1852, Mar. 17	Edward Y. Hincks.	1870, Oct. 18	1870, Oct. 18	4	4	88	248	336	65	7	5	12	9	8	0	17	4	0	274	6048
Portland, St. Lawrence st...	1858, Feb. 19	Abiel H. Wright.	1866, Nov. 1	1871, Apr. 19	8	3	47	93	140	0	0	4	4	0	3	0	3	0	1	310	134
Portland, West.....	1802, Sept. 17	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	17	35	52	14	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0	150	5
Portland, Plymouth	1869, Dec. 29	Charles F. Dole.	1874, Apr. 22	1874, Apr. 22	....	....	68	187	255	20	2	2	4	3	13	0	16	1	0	230	631
Portland, Williston.....	1873, Feb. 5	Burke F. Leavitt.	1873, May 7	1873, May 7	1	1	16	38	54	0	19	8	27	1	0	0	1	10	2	175	24
Pownal.....	1811, Mar. 20	George A. Perkins, s.s.	1854, May 26	1872, Dec. 8	20	....	29	51	73	19	5	0	5	2	1	0	3	3	1	60	33
Scarborough	1798, June 26	Francis E. Masten, s.s.	Licentiate.	1874, Jan. 25	....	...	23	36	59	11	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	73	57
Standish, Evangelical	1834, Feb. 5	John P. Trowbridge.	Pastor elect.	1874.	....	....	3	43	46	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	11
Westb'k, 2d, Sacarappa	1832, Jan. 17	Stephen L. Bowler, s.s.	1853, Jan. 5	1871, Sept. 1	11	....	35	77	112	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	172	154
Westbrook, Warren ch	1869, Sept. 30	Addison Blanchard.	1868, Sept. 9	1872, Dec. 10	6	2	27	42	69	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	165	346
Windham.	1743, Dec. 14	Luther Wiswall.	1837, Aug. 12	1854, Sept. 20	37	20	6	42	48	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	50
Yarmouth, First	1730, Nov. 18	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	43	127	170	11	0	2	2	6	4	1	11	0	0	150	586
Yarmouth, Central ...	1859, Apr. 27	Jacob J. Abbott.	1845, Aug. 27	1865, Oct. 19	29	9	18	46	64	12	1	2	3	1	4	0	5	0	0	70	193
Forty-one.		15 Pastors, 2 p.e., 16 s.s.	—33. Av. Min.	& Past'l age.	16	7	1384	3415	4799	934	123	82	205	111	114	8	233	61	42	5053	16,449

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CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE.

MINISTERS WITHOUT PASTORAL CHARGE, AND DATE OF ORDINATION.—Revs. Alpheus S. Packard, 1850, May 16; Jotham B. Sewall, 1855, Feb. 28; John S. Sewall, 1859, Apr. 20; Professors in Bowdoin College, Brunswick:—Silas Baker, Standish, 1831, Dec; Ephraim C. Cummings, Portland, 1858, Mar. 17; James M. Palmer, Portland, 1854, May 22; Benjamin P. Snow, Co-Editor Christian Mirror, Portland, 1870, May 10; Henry G. Storer, Oak Hill, 1850, Mar. 30; James B. Thornton, Scarboro', 1851, June 4; Edward P. Thwing, Portland, 1858, Sep. 22; William Warren, District Secretary of the Am. B'd C. F. M., Gorham, 1840, Feb. 13.

LICENTIATES.—Thomas H. Rich, Richard C. Stanley, Professors in Bates College, Lewiston.

The SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING was held with the St. Lawrence Street church, Portland, Jan. 13, 14, 1874.—Rev. Horatio Ilsley, of South Freeport, *Moderator.*—Rev. B. F. Leavitt, of Portland, *Scribe pro tem.*—Opening sermon, by Rev. A. P. Tinker, of Auburn, Matt. 22:42. "What think ye of Christ?" Sermon Tuesday evening, by Rev. E. Y. Hincks, of Portland, John 12: 28, 29. Theme.—The Infidelity of the present day, and how to meet it. Conference Sermon, by Rev. F. Southworth, of Portland. Theme. The Christian constrained by the love of Christ. Topics for discussion.—1. How shall the ministry meet the duty resting upon it, of instructing the people in the word. 2. The responsibility of churches and individual Christians, with regard to strangers; particularly among young men and women coming into our cities and towns; how shall it be met? 3. The responsibility resting upon the churches, for seeing that all whose names it enrolls, maintain an outward observance of its ordinances; is it met? If not, how shall it be? 4. What are the most effectual methods of using the means of grace? 5. What constitutes a faithful Sabbath School Teacher? Rev. S. L. Bowler, of Sacarappa, Chairman of the Committee on a division of the Conference, made a report:—The subject was re-committed to the same Committee, for further consultation with the churches,—and to report at the next annual meeting.

The Christian Mirror was commended to the support of the churches.

The Lord's supper was administered by Revs. L. Wiswall, of Windham, and E. F. Borchers, of North Yarmouth.

The FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING was held with the Pine Street church, Lewiston, June 9, 10, 1874.—Rev. E. Y. Hincks, of Portland, *Moderator.*—Opening sermon by Rev. Wm. H. Fenn, of Portland, John 5:39.—Search the Scriptures. Conference sermon. Rev. Jacob J. Abbott, of Yarmouth. Theme,—Redemption the center and unifying idea of the Scriptures. Topics discussed.—1. Family Religion. 2. In view of the prevailing political corruption in our communities, what ought the churches and the ministry to do? 3. Ought assent to a creed to be a condition of church membership.—Questions on various subjects were presented in writing, by different persons, and elicited familiar discussion of no little interest.—Rev. Dr. Chickering, narrated his travels in the South, making observations on the religious wants of the blacks. The Report on the condition of the churches, by the Registrar, Rev. A. Blanchard, of Westbrook, called forth an interesting and stimulating discussion with reference to the obligations to the feeble churches. Some of the Pastors mentioned their readiness to give two or more Sabbaths and weeks during the year, to these churches, if their congregations consented. It was thought that laymen of stronger churches might also give some time to visiting, teaching and preaching among them.—A Committee was appointed to report upon the subject.—Rev. S. L. Bowler, from the Committee on Division of Conference, reported it it was expedient so to do, whenever any churches shall signify their desire to be separated from the present body. (This subject was discussed in a circular issued by the Committee; also in Ch. Mirror, Apr. 14, May 26, and June 2.) A Minute was adopted in reference to the death of Rev. Samuel H. Merrill and Rev. Uriah Balkam. (Pub. Ch. Mir. June 16.) The church in Lewiston, adopted resolutions in memory of Dr. B., their former pastor, which were read at the Conference.

The session was closed with the observance of the ordinance of the Lord's Supper,—conducted by Revs. E. Y. Hincks, of Portland, and E. H. Byington, of Brunswick.

Rev. BURKE FAY LEAVITT, (Williams 1868, Andover 1871,) ordained pastor of Williston church, Portland, May 7, 1874. (See Minutes 1873, p. 34.)

Rev. JOHN PENTYRCH EVANS, a native of Wales, and graduate of Swansea and Bala Colleges, Wales, 1848, and Yale Sem., New Haven, 1873, was installed pastor of Ligonia church, Cape Elizabeth, September 21, 1873. Sermon in Welsh, by Rev. R. G. Jones, D. D., of Utica, N. Y.; Installing prayer and Charge, by Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Searsport. There will be a service in Welsh, one part of each Sabbath; in English, the other part.

ANSON PHELPS TINKER, of Old Lyme, Conn., (Yale, 1868, Andover, 1872.) was ordained pastor of High Street church, Auburn, October 16, 1873.—Rev. Leonard Z. Ferris, of Gorham, *Moderator of Council*; Rev. Lewis Goodrich, of West Auburn, *Scribe*. *Public Services.*—Anthem by the choir; Prayer, Rev. A. B. Dascomb; Reading of the Scriptures, by Scribe; Sermon, Rev. Edward Y. Hincks, of Portland, John 12:28, 29. "Glorify thy name;" Ordaining Prayer, Rev. U. Balkam, of Lewiston; Charge, by Moderator; Right hand, Rev. A. E. Dunning, of Boston Highlands; Address to the people, Rev. Wm. Warren, of Gorham; Benediction, by pastor.

Rev. GEORGE SHERWOOD DICKERMAN, late pastor in West Haven, Conn., (Yale College, 1865, Yale Sem. 1868,) installed pastor of Pine Street church, Lewiston, Mar. 13, 1874. Rev. Josiah T. Hawes, of Litchfield, *Moderator of Council*; Rev. Lewis Goodrich, of W. Auburn, *Scribe*. Public Services,—Anthem by choir, in charge of R. C. Pennell, organist; Invocation, by Scribe; Hymn; Sermon, by Rev. Edward Hawes, of New Haven, Conn., 2 Cor. 5:11. Theme,—The work of a Christian Minister; Installing Prayer, by Moderator; Charge, Rev. Orren Street, of Lowell, (father-in-law to the pastor); Right Hand, Rev. Anson P. Tinker, of Auburn; Anthem; Address to the people, assigned to Professor W. M. Barbour, of Bangor; Prayer, Rev. J. S. Burgess, (F. W. B.) of Lewiston; The hymns were read by Rev. John J. Bulfinch, of Freeport, and Rev. W. R. Joyslin, of Lewiston; Benediction by pastor.

CHARLES FLETCHER DOLE, (Harvard, 1868, Andover, 1872,) ordained pastor of Plymouth church, Portland, April 22, 1874.—Rev. Wm. H. Fenn, of High Street church, Portland, *Moderator of Council*; Rev. B. Fay Leavitt, of Williston church, Portland, *Scribe*; Singing; Invocation and reading of the Scriptures, by Rev. Jotham B. Sewall, of Bowdoin College; Sermon, Rev. George W. Field, of Bangor; Isa. 6:3—"Holy is the Lord God Almighty;" Ordaining Prayer, Rev. Wooster Parker, of Belfast; Charge, Rev. Benjamin Tappan, of Norridgewock; Right hand, Rev. A. P. Tinker, of Auburn; Address to the people, Rev. Edward Y. Hincks, of State Street church, Portland; Singing by the congregation; Benediction by pastor.

Rev. GEORGE AUGUSTUS PERKINS, (Bowdoin, 1849, Bangor, 1853,) S. S. at Pownal, from Dec. 8, 1872.

Rev. EDWARD PAYSON EASTMAN, (Bangor Sem., 1871,) called from Wilton to the church in Gray, Feb., 1874.

Rev. ERNEST F. BORCHERS, (Union Sem., 1866,) late of North Bridgton, called to North Yarmouth. Will supply the coming year, March, 1874.

Rev. WINFIELD SCOTT STOCKBRIDGE, (Bates, 1867, Bangor, 1869,) late of Woonsocket, R.I., called to Deering, Woodford's Corner. Commenced labors May 1, 1874.

Rev. TRUEMAN SUMMERFIELD PERRY, accepts call to labor at Cumberland Center, commencing July 26.

JOHN PHILANDER TROWBRIDGE, of Pomfret, Conn., (Amherst, 1871, Yale Sem., 1874,) called to Standish, June, 1874,—to be ordained in Aug., or Sep.

FRANCIS EDWARD MASTEN, of Boston, (Amherst, 1873, Andover—Junior—1874, S. S. at Scarboro', June, 1874.

Rev. WELLINGTON R. CROSS, released from the pastorate at New Gloucester, July 22, 1873. Rev. Horatio Ilsley, of South Freeport, *Moderator of Council*; Rev. John J. Bulfinch, of Freeport, *Scribe*. (Record Ch. Mirror, July 29.) A council which met at New Gloucester, July 8, advised against the dissolution of the pastorate there. Rev. H. Ilsley, *Moderator*; Rev. Geo. A. Perkins, of Pownal, *Scribe*. Mr. C. installed at Orono, Oct. 28, 1873.

Rev. GEORGE J. PIERCE, resigned his charge at West church, Portland, Sep., 1873, and is supplying at Sterling, Mass.

Rev. HORACE TOOTHAKER resigned his charge, at Deering, Woodford's Corner, on account of ill health, Sep., 1873, and is now residing at East Orrington, unable to perform ministerial labor.

Rev. MOSELEY H. WILLIAMS, resigned, Oct. 23, 1873, the pastorate of Plymouth church, Portland. Dismissed by Council, Nov. 24, 1873; Rev. James M. Palmer, of Portland, *Moderator of Council*; Rev. A. Blanchard, of Westbrook, *Scribe*. (Record Ch. Mir. Dec. 16.) Removed to Philadelphia, Pa.

Rev. EBENEZER BEAN, resigned his charge at Gray, Dec. 30, 1873. Acting pastor from Jan. 1, 1863. Removed to Camden.

Rev. LEAVITT BARTLETT, who was installed pastor of First church, Yarmouth, Sep. 14, 1871, resigned his charge, Nov., 1873, and is now at Newport, Vt.

Rev. GILBERT B. RICHARDSON, released from the pastorate in Cumberland Center, by council, April 22, 1874. Rev. John J. Carruthers, of Portland, *Moderator*; Rev. William N. Haskell, of West Falmouth, *Scribe*. (Record Ch. Mir., Apr. 28.) Mr. R. commenced labor in Alstead Center, and East Alstead, N. H., in May following.

Rev. BENJAMIN P. SNOW, co-editor of the Christian Mirror, Portland, from Nov., 1873.

Rev. G. L. WALKER, formerly of State Street church, Portland, dismissed from the church in New Haven, Conn., May 19, 1873, on account of ill health—since that, travelling and residing in Europe.—Rev. J. E. Fullerton, formerly of Cumberland Mills, installed pastor at Southbridge, Mass., July 22. 1873. Rev.—H. D. Moore, formerly of Plymouth church, Portland, installed pastor at Springfield, Ill., Apr. 8, 1874.—Rev. J Q. Bittenger, first pastor of Central church, Yarmouth, 1860—64, installed pastor, Haverhill, N. H., July 2, 1874.

CHURCHES.—*Auburn*.—The silver wedding of Rev. Lewis Goodrich, West Auburn, was observed in the church.—He gave a brief review of his twenty-three years' labors as a minister.—Remarks by Rev. A. P. Tinker. *Cumberland*.—Gives a call to Rev. T. S. Perry, S. S. at Denmark. *Deering*.—The church supplied three months by Rev. E. Hutchinson, late Sup. of the Reform School, and a few Sabbaths by Rev. B. N. Stone, of Fryeburg. A preaching service was commenced at East Deering, Sep., 1873. *Durham*.—J. H. Broadwell, Licentiate, three months from July 1, 1873. Rev. C. W. Hill, supplied a part of the year. *Lewiston*.—Rev. Uriah Balkam, pastor, 1856 to 1870, and previously at Union and Wiscasset, died March 4. 1874, æt. 62. Resolutions of ch. published in Ch. Mirror and Lewiston Journal. *Mechanic Falls*.—Rev. Thomas M. Davies supplied three months, from July 1, 1873, and received a call to settle.—Rev. Ernest F. Borchers supplied for three months, from Sep. 1, 1873.—Prof. R. C. Stanley, of Bates College, has supplied during a portion of the year. *New Gloucester*.—Revs. D. B. Sewall, E. F. Borchers, and B. P. Snow, supplied in Aug.—Oct. Rev. John F. Griswold, S. S. 1827, died in Brooklyn, N. Y., Feb. 15, 1872, æt. 77. *Portland*.—2d ch. Payson Memorial.—The remains of Dr. Payson, with the monument, is removed from Eastern Cemetery, to Evergreen Cemetery.—Some account of the churches in Portland, by Rev. E. P. Thwing, with a view of the Payson Memorial church, is published in the Cong. Quarterly, Apr. 1874, p. 259—263. *High Street*.—Farewell services held April 16, 1874, before the departure of Miss Sarah Cummings, (a daughter of the late Rev. Asa Cummings) for her mission work in Japan. *Abyssinian*. (4th ch.)—The Young Men's Christian Association, have sustained worship here during much of the year. Mrs. M. D. Welcome, of Yarmouth, preached a few Sabbaths. Rev. Amos G. Beman, acting pastor 1857 to 1860, died in New Haven, June 29, 1873, æt. 63. (See p. 41.) *Bethel*.—The chaplain has visited more than 2000 vessels during the year; prepared many libraries for vessels, and distributed other reading matter, and has visited the Maine Hospital and Boarding Houses. The Sabbath School is combined with the afternoon service. *State Street*.—Miss Sarah Cummings gave at a Sabbath School concert, in Sep., 1873, an account of the Chinese in San Francisco, among whom she has labored.—A Union service was held in this church, on Friday evening, Jan. 9. 1874, at the close of the week of prayer. The platform was occupied by eleven ministers of different denominations. Revs. A. Smith, of the Free Baptist church; Luce and Jones, of the Methodist church; Southworth, of Bethel church; Carruthers, of 2d church; Fenn, of High Street, and Hinks, of State St. ch., took part in the exercises. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper was administered by Dr. Carruthers, and Presiding Elder Luce, of the Methodist church; the elements being distributed by eight deacons of different denominations. The house was filled, and the whole scene is reported as savoring more of heaven than of earth. *St. Lawrence Street*.—The Ladies' Circle have raised nearly a thousand dollars the past year. A children's Missionary society, called "The Missionary Gleaners," has been formed. *West*.—Rev. B. P. Snow, supplied for a time. *Plymouth*.—A Cornet has been successfully introduced, to sustain in connection with the organ, the service of song by the congregation. *Williston*.—Missionary Bliss gave in Sep., some account of his 30 years experience in Turkey.—A church Manual has been printed. *Scarboro'*.—Rev. Samuel H. Merrill, S. S. from 1871, and previously at Old Town and Portland Bethel, died Sep. 18, 1873, æt. 68. (See p.35.) *Standish*.—H. Robinson, *Licentiate*, S. S. three months, from July 1, '73. Rev. Thomas Tenney, pastor 1829 to 1836, and subsequently Preceptor in Gorham Academy, died in Plymouth, Iowa, May 7, 1874, æt. 76. (See p.41.) *Westbrook* 2d.—Rev. S. L. Bowler, acting pastor, declines to accept the Superintendency of the State Reform School, Portland. A course of Sabbath evening lectures was given by him, on Theology, illustrated by the facts of Science. *Westbrook, Warren church*. The ladies have paid the debt of $800 on the organ. *Windham*.—A history of the town has been completed by Thomas L. Smith. *Yarmouth 1st*.—Supplied for a time by John J. Blair. *Bailey's Island*.—Chas. N. Sinnott, Licentiate, July 1, to Oct. 1, 1873.

MEETING HOUSES.—*Auburn.*—It was proposed in July, 1873, to enlarge the church edifice. *Baldwin.*—The women are gathering funds, making plans and beginning to build a house of worship. A Union chapel in North Baldwin, was dedicated, Nov. 11, 1873. *Portland.*—Payson Memorial church (2d).—The main edifice not yet completed. A proposition was made in January, to meet their debt of about $13,000 by issuing bonds running from 5 to 20 years.—Public worship is held in the vestry, which is commodious and neatly finished. In the forenoon of Sep. 28, the floor settled several feet, causing some consternation but no injury to any one; while repairing, worship was held in the neighboring First Baptist Church. *Westbrook.* 2d.—Dedicated Aug. 27, 1873. Invocation, Rev. H. Whitcher, F. W. B. of Westbrook; Anthem; Reading the Scriptures by S. F. Strout, Methodist, of Westbrook; Prayer, Rev. A. Blanchard, of Cumberland Mills; Historical statement by Woodbury Dana, chairman of the building Committee; Hymn composed for the occasion, by Rev. Edward P. Thwing; Sermon by Rev. Joseph Danielson, Saugerties, New York, a former pastor (1865—9), Haggai 2:9. The glory of the latter house, &c.; Dedicatory prayer by Rev. L. Z. Ferris, of Gorham. This edifice was rebuilt at a cost of $10,000. A clock has been placed in the tower; and a new chapel erected in the rear of the main building.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—A Mission School is sustained at Deering Bridge, Portland.—A Union Sabbath School Convention was held in Leeds Centre, Sep. 25, 1873.—The Cumberland County S. S. Convention, at Cape Elizabeth, Ferry Village, Nov. 12, 13.—Topics, Ch. Mir. Nov. 11. Androscoggin Co., S. S. Convention. at Lewiston. May 13, 1874. Rev. L. Goodrich, of Auburn, President.—The Ch. Mirror publishes weekly an exposition of the uniform Sabbath School Lessons, by ministers of this and other Conferences in the State.

NECROLOGY.—Rev. John E. Tyler, a son of Rev. Bennet Tyler, D. D., former pastor in Portland, died in Vineland, N. J., Aug. 14, 1873, æt. 63.—Mrs. Elvira A., wife of Rev. Edwin A. Harlow, in Cape Elizabeth, Aug. 23.—A great loss to him and the church.—Mrs. Rachel, relict of James Boothby, of Limington, in Baldwin, Sep. 30, æt. 84. A church member 48 years.—Robert Holyoke, in Portland, Jan. 23, 1874, æt. 60 Ob. Ch. Mir. Jan. 27.—Mrs. Susie Spear, wife of Gen. Ellis Spear, and daughter of the late Rev. John Wilde, of Brunswick and Topsham, Jan. 28.—Dea. Charles Briggs, in Auburn, Feb. 20, æt. 85. He filled the office of Deacon 30 years. He was much respected, and very useful and helpful to the church in West Auburn.—John M. Prince, in Chelsea, Mass., March 8, æt. 85. He was one of a small company of believers in Dr. Payson's church, Portland, which met once a week for prayer, taking up a weekly collection for the education of pious young men of merit.—Capt. Sewall Blanchard, in Cumberland, Apr. 20, æt. 70. A pillar in the church. Ob. Ch. Mir. Apr. 28.—Dea. Nicholas Rideout, recently deceased, in Cumberland, had during his life, transcribed the entire Bible, that its truths might remain more permanently in his memory.—Mrs. Sarah A., widow of the late Rev. Caleb Hobart, the pastor at North Yarmouth, in Freeport, Apr. 28, æt. 71. She left $5000 to the Am. Colonization Society, $2000 each to Am. B'd C. F. M., Am. Home Missionary Society, Am. Bible Society and Am. Tract Society. Ob. by J. J. B., Ch. Mir. May 12.—Mrs. Elizabeth Sweetsir, in Cumberland, May 22, æt. 85. For 70 years, she had been a member of the Cong. church. Ob. Ch. Mir. June 23.—Dea. Sewall C. Chase, in Portland, June 12. An efficient officer in High Street church, for many years. Hon. Asa Redington, in Lewiston, June 4, æt. 85. He was Treasurer of the Maine Miss. Soc., in 1863—4; had been Treasurer of the State, and Judge of the Court of Common Pleas.

The sixty-fifth anniversary of the Bible Society of Maine, which has its operations chiefly in Cumberland County, held in High st. church, Portland, May 17, 1874. Remarks by Revs. W. B. Hayden, A. F. Dalton, C. F. Dole, and Dr. Hill.—Rev. A. D. Pendleton, of Portland, as colporteur, has visited 3183 families—133 were destitute. (Mr. P.'s residence, No. 11 Myrtle st.)—The annual meeting of the Androscoggin Bible Society, March 22, 1874, in Lewiston. Addresses by Revs. G. S. Dickerman, Bowen, Burgess, and W. H. Gilbert. N. C. Dinsmore, colporteur, is to canvass the county.—Anniversary of the Brunswick Bible Soc. held Sept. 21, 1873. Address by Rev. W. H. Gilbert, Agent Am. Bible Soc.

The Woman's Missionary Society, of Portland, held its annual meeting in Plymouth church, in Nov., 1873. Address by Missionary Bliss, of Turkey.—A Woman's Mission Meeting was held in connection with the session of Cumberland Conference, in St. Lawrence street church, Portland, Jan. 14, 1874.—The Portland Society propose to form Children's Missionary Associations in all the Congregational churches in the city. Letter from District Sec. Warren, with reference to it, in Ch. Mir., June 2, 1874.

The women of Portland united in the "Woman's Crusade" to promote temperance. Prayer meetings and public meetings were held by them. Hotels, saloons, druggists,

and owners of buildings were visited. The pastors, churches, the Young Men's Christian Association, and Temperance organizations, co-operated with them, and held meetings, sustaining a series of Lectures in the autumn and winter, on Sabbath evenings, in the churches, city hall, and elsewhere.

The annual meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association of Maine was held in Auburn, Sept. 17, 1873.—The Lewiston Association had "Uncle John Vassar," of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., with them in August, 1873, co-operating in their work.—The 20th annual meeting of the Portland Association was held in State st. church, Nov. 30, 1873. Remarks by Revs. E. Y. Hincks, C. D. Barnes, A. Dalton, and Capt. Sturtevant. Annual meeting of the Auburn Association, Apr. 19, 1874.—Meetings have been held at Leeds, under the direction of the Winthrop Association.

The annual meeting of the Women's Christian Association, of Portland, was held at the "Home," Nov. 14, 1873. Receipts, $6,684; expenditures, $6,043.

The Swedes in Portland have engaged Rev. Peter Smith, of Providence, R. I., among their people in the city and vicinity. Public service to be held every Sabbath afternoon and evening, in the hall of the Young Men's Christian Association. A Sabbath school will be sustained.

The Scandinavians held a service for the first time, in Portland, April, 1874, Rev. M. Jual, of New York, officiating.—Religious services are held in the County Jail, at Portland.—The Israelites of Portland, meet every Saturday, in "Covenant Hall," the only place of worship of that race, in the State.—Clergymen and members of the Am. Science Association, which held its session in Portland, in August, 1873, occupied the pulpit and social meetings of the churches on the Sabbath.—Rev. Newman Hall, of England, lectured in Lewiston, Dec. 4, on "Platform Echoes;" and in Portland, Dec. 6, on "The Reasonableness of Prayer; an answer to Modern Scepticism."

A Ministers' Meeting has been sustained in Portland, weekly, during a portion of the year, for fellowship and discussions on the leading topics of the day. At one of the sessions, it was resolved that it was expedient to form a State Alliance, auxiliary to the Evangelical Alliance for the United States.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Auburn, E. F. Packard; Auburn, West, Rev. L. Goodrich; Baldwin, D. T. Richardson; Brunswick, John Furbish; Cape Elizabeth, first ch., Rev. E. A. Harlow; Cape Elizabeth, Welsh Ligonia ch., Dea. John Perkins; Cumberland, Reuben Rideout; Deering, 1st ch., Dea. H. H. Dow, 35 Oak st., Portland; Deering, Woodford's Corner, Wm. E. Gould; Durham, W. S. Michels; Falmouth, first, Rev. J. C. Adams; Falmouth, second, Samuel Bell; Freeport, Rev. J. J. Bulfinch; Freeport, South, Rev. H. Ilsley; Gorham, Rev. L. Z. Ferris; Gray, David B. Cummings; Harpswell, Wm. C. Eaton; Lewiston, Pine st. ch., Fred B. Sands; Mechanic Falls, J. M. Eveleth, M. D.; Minot Centre, Dea. S. W. Shaw; Minot and West Hebron, Wm. Lowell; New Gloucester, A. C. Chandler; North Yarmouth, N. W. F. Sweetsir; Poland, Mrs. Geo. Waterhouse; Portland, second ch., D. O. Perry, M. D.; High st. ch., Daniel Evans; Fourth ch., Henry A. Murray; Bethel ch., C. J. Morris; State st. ch., Charles M. Hawkes; St. Lawrence st. ch., Samuel Thurston; West Cong'l ch., Ebenezer M. Gay, No. 3 Hemlock st.; Plymouth ch., C. S. D. Griffin, jr.; Williston ch., L. R. Loring, Box 1136; Pownal, Azor Mitchell; Scarboro', Dea. George W. Libby, Oak Hill; Standish, Rev. Silas Baker; Westbrook, first ch. (now Deering 1st ch.); Westbrook, second ch., Dea. Harlan P. Murch, Sacarappa; Westbrook, Warren ch., Cumberland Mills, Dea. James Graham; Windham, Rev. Luther Wiswall; Yarmouth, first ch., M. C. Merrill; Yarmouth, Central ch., Rev. J. J. Abbott.

Rev. Burke F. Leavitt, of Portland, *Scribe of Conference;* Rev. Addison Blanchard, of Cumberland Mills, Westbrook, *Registrar and Treasurer.*

Next meeting in Portland, January 12, 13, 1875.

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION, formed in Westbrook, May 28, 1788. Annual meeting, second Tuesday of February; other meetings, on the second Tuesday of May, August, and November. Rev. Edwin A. Harlow, of Cape Elizabeth, *Scribe.*

Met at Cumberland Centre, Nov. 11, 1873. Plan of expository sermon, Rev. A. Blanchard; Essay on relation of faith to miracles, Rev. J. J. Bulfinch; Essay on the aspects of Modern Scepticism, Rev. E. H. Byington. Discussion on Miracles.—At Brunswick, Feb. 10, 1874, Rev. S. Hopkins read an exposition of Gen. 1:29, 30; Review of Ecce Cœlum, Rev. G. B. Richardson; Oral examination of the prologue to Gospel of St. John, Rev. E. Y. Hincks; Essay by Rev. F. Leavitt, on the question, "Is the pulpit deficient in available supernatural power? Sermon in public, Rev. J. M. Palmer.—At Freeport, May 12.

FRANKLIN CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, Tuesday and Wednesday preceding the second Wednesday in June.—Organized in Strong, January 15, 1839.

CHURCHES.—1874, May 3.		MINISTERS.			CHURCH MEM., May 3, 1874.					Admitted—1873-4—			Removed.				Baptized.			
Place and Name.	*Organized.*	*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Inst. or S. S.*	*MA*	*PA*	*Mle*	*Fml*	*Tot*	*Abs*	*Prf*	*Let*	*Tot*	*Dth*	*Dis*	*Ex.*	*Tot*	*Adl*	*Inf*	*S. Sch*	*Cont.*
Farmington	1814, Dec. 14	George N. Marden.	1862, Oct. 2	1871, Oct. 24	12	3	67	158	225	24	3	3	6	1	2	0	3	2	2	408	$500
Farmington Falls	1859, Mar. 3	Vacant.			....	....	3	8	11	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Industry	1808, July 4	Lauriston Reynolds,ss	Licentiate.	1874, May.	....	....	22	18	40	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*50	0
New Sharon	1801, Feb. 11	Herbert R. Howes, s.s.	1870, Jan. 13	1873, Sept. 1	4	....	35	68	103	18	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	75	21
New Vineyard	1828, Sept. 3	(1)John H.Wyckoff,s.s.	Licentiate.	1873, July 1	-	....	7	9	16	6	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	40	58
Phillips	1822, Oct. 9	Vacant.			....	....	11	13	24	16	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	12
Strong	1810, Mar. 3	Joseph S.Cogswell,s.s.	1873, Nov. 18	1873, April 1	6	....	40	54	94	29	7	1	8	1	2	0	3	4	6	75	88
Temple	1805, Sept. 19	Simeon Hackett, s. s.	1830, July 7	1851, June 1	44	....	16	40	56	20	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	60	20
Weld	1809, Aug. 17	(2)D'l D. Tappan, s. s.	1826, Nov. 14	1871, Dec. 17	48	...	22	30	52	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	16
Wilton	1819, Feb. 19	John R. Chalmers.	1874, July 7	1874, July 7	....	....	29	50	79	32	1	1	2	2	2	0	4	0	0	65	68
Ten.		2 Pastors, 6 S. S.=8.	Av. Min'l & Past'l Age.		23	3	252	448	700	172	11	7	18	11	7	0	18	6	10	823	$783

Average as Stated Supply, five years. (1) Also at East Strong. (2) Arthur G. Fitz, Licentiate, S. S. from June 4, 1874. *Union School.

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE.—Rev. Stephen Titcomb, Farmington, ordained June 6, 1855; Rev. Jonas Burnham, Farmington, ordained July 28, 1858. Rev. J. Loring Pratt, Strong, ordained Nov. 7, 1867.

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING, held at Industry, June 9 and 10. Hon. Albion Dyer, of Strong, Moderator. Opening Sermon by Rev. G. N. Marden. Text, John 17:21 Essential unity of all Christians, and duty of expressing this unity. Conference Sermon by Rev. H. R. Howes, of New Sharon. Text, 1 Cor. 11:26. Meaning of the Lord's Supper. Topics—1. Temperance Discussion. (1) Some of the fruits of the new Temperance Movement. (2) Lessons which this woman's war upon intemperance has taught us. (3) What part ought the churches to bear hereafter in the war against intemperance? 2. What type of piety should we expect of children and the young? 3. The duty of more personal work for Christ, on the part of His professed disciples. Address on Missions to the Freedmen, by Rev. Lewis Grout, Agent of A. M. A. A Sabbath School meeting Tuesday evening. Report of the churches, by Rev. G. N. Marden. Same membership as last year (in numbers). Relative gain in benevolent contributions. The churches have aided in a Bible canvass of the county, in which 2973 families have been visited. One family in twenty-five, on an average, found destitute of the bible. Nearly 1000 bibles sold. Communion services, led by Revs. J. S. Cogswell and G. N. Marden.

JOHN ROBINSON CHALMERS, a graduate of Bangor Seminary, 1874, was ordained Pastor of the church in Wilton, July 7, 1874. Rev. Solomon P. Fay, of Hammond st. church, Bangor, *Moderator of Council*; Rev. George N. Marden, of Farmington, *Scribe*. Public services—Singing by the choir, "The Lord will comfort Zion;" Reading of the Scriptures, Arthur G. Fitz, supplying at Weld; Prayer, L. Reynolds, supplying at Industry; Hymn, "God, in the Gospel of His Son;" Sermon, by the Moderator—Rom. 1-16. The Gospel of Christ. Ordaining prayer, and address to the people, Rev. J. Burnham, of Farmington; Anthem—"How beautiful upon the mountains;" Charge to the Pastor, Rev. Herbert R. Howes, of New Sharon; Right hand, by the Scribe; Prayer, Rev. John Collins, of the Methodist church; Benediction by the Pastor. Before pronouncing the benediction, the pastor baptized an infant, which added interest and solemnity to the occasion.

CHURCHES.—*Farmington.*—The Bible Service, combining the study of God's Word with worship, and a brief unwritten sermon, applying the main points of the lesson, has a total membership of 408, an increase of 35 per cent. over last year and double the membership of the S. S. as held at noon, four years ago. Voted to discontinue the use of alcoholic wine at Communion. Families in town, destitute of the bible,—six in number,—have been supplied. Hon. Robt. Goodenow, a prominent citizen and member of the church, died May 15, 1874. The organ loft has been widened. About $100 has been realized from a "Home Course" of five lectures, under the auspices of the Ladies' Circle. A new pulpit has been obtained. The young ladies furnished the pulpit chairs. *Farmington Falls, Industry, and Phillips*, have had no preaching by Congregational ministers. Their Sabbath Schools (Union) have been kept up. Mr. Reynolds, of Bangor Seminary, is to preach in Industry during the summer months. Mrs. Martha N. Blake died at Farmington Falls, Sept. 30, 1873, æt 87. She was the last but one of the original members of Father Rogers' church. The last is Mrs. Mary Case, mother of Mrs. S. P. Morrill, æt 93. They joined the church in Farmington, at its organization, in 1814.

FRANKLIN CONFERENCE—Continued.

New Vineyard has had six Sabbaths' preaching by Mr. John H. Wyckoff. Weekly prayer meetings and Sabbath School have been very well attended. *New Sharon*.—Rev. H. R. Howes began labors here in Sept., '73. Rev. H. Toothaker, formerly pastor here, is in very feeble health, at E. Orrington. *Strong*.—A year of general prosperity. Sabbath congregations increasing. Uniform Lesson Series introduced in S. S. to advantage. The pastor and S. S. have sent $30 to sustain a school in India, which is flourishing. United services were held by the Congregational and Methodist churches, in the interests of the Am. Peace Society, Nov. 9. A. M., in the latter church, discourse by Rev. Mr. Smith, "He is our Peace;"—P. M. in the former church, discourse by Rev. J. S. Cogswell, "On earth peace."—The churches were adorned with flowers. *Temple*.—The aged minister, Rev. S. Hackett, has been too infirm to preach much, but meetings have been maintained, the S. S. well attended, and a spirit of thoughtful enquiry manifest. *Weld*.—Rev. Mr. Tappan leaves June 1st, for the summer, on account of health, but is expected to return in Sept. His place is supplied by Mr. A. G. Fitz, of Bangor Seminary. *Wilton*.—Rev. E. P. Eastman left Jan. 1st, and is now in Gray. Prompt measures were taken to secure a pastor, resulting in the engagement of Mr. John R. Chalmers, of Bangor Seminary.

SUMMARY.—The membership of the ten churches is 700—the same as last year. Many absent members should be looked after and encouraged to transfer their membership. Is it not evident that too many churches stop benevolent contributions when they have no pastors? * * A movement has begun, originating in the Women's Board of Missions, (in connection with the A. B. C. F. M.) by which auxiliary Missionary Societies are contemplated in every church. Auxiliaries have been already formed at Farmington, and at Wilton.

The law of the harvest holds in our churches. If we sow sparingly, we shall reap also sparingly; if we sow with a liberal hand, we shall reap abundantly. The history of the year past, does not show great results in our churches. It may be that much good seed has been sown, that will spring up by and by. But it seems as though we are called by our Lord and Master to make a fresh consecration to God of all we are and have; to study anew the divine art of living not unto ourselves, but unto Him that loved us and hath redeemed us unto God by his own blood.

The following Resolutions were adopted at the last Conference:

1. On Temperance [abridged]. *Resolved*, That we will use our influence to dissuade owners of buildings from renting them to any person known to sell, illegally, any intoxicating liquors.

Resolved, That we recognize the utility of effort with the young, in the inculcating of temperance principles, and that we favor the formation of Temperance Societies in connection with our several church organizations.

Resolved, That we will favor the enactment of laws prohibiting the importation and manufacture of alcoholic liquors.

2. On Arbitration in place of War.—*Resolved*, That this Conference regards with great satisfaction the efforts being made by the American Peace Society for the substitution of arbitration in the place of war, as a means of settling international difficulties.

Anniversary of Franklin Co. Bible Society, held March 27, 1874, in Farmington. F. C. Perkins, Esq., *President*.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Farmington, J. P. Thwing; Farmington Falls, C. E. Davis; Industry, George W. Luce; New Sharon, F. M. Howes; New Vineyard, John McLain; Phillips, Joseph N. Worthley; Strong, S. B. Luce; Temple, Abel Sampson; Weld, Timothy H. Frye; Wilton, E. P. Packard.

E. P. Packard, of Wilton, *Scribe of Conference*; Rev. George N. Marden, of Farmington, *Reporter*; Dea. John Titcomb, of Farmington, *Treasurer*. Next meeting at Temple, June 8, 9, 1875.

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CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Amherst and Aurora, Dea. Sylvanus Butler, Aurora; Bluehill, Henry H. Osgood; West Brooksville, Dea. David Wasson; Bucksport, Edward Swasey; Castine, Rev. A. E. Ives; Deer Isle, 1st ch., Dea. George Barbour; Deer Isle, 2d ch., Wm. E. Powers, North Deer Isle; Ellsworth, John M. Hale, Sen.; Isle au Haut, Elcy S. Turner; Orland, A. P. Emerson; Sedgwick and Brooksville, Dea. S. Allen, North Brooksville; Sedgwick Village, D. J. Cunningham, Brookline; Tremont and Mt. Desert, Dea. David King, S. W. Harbor.

Rev. Albert H. Tebbetts, of Bluehill, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference*. Next meeting in S. W. Harbor, Oct., 1874.

HANCOCK ASSOCIATION, organized in Sedgwick, Sep. 21, 1797,—meetings, first week in June, and second week in August, November, and February. Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine, *Scribe*.

HANCOCK CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, Second Tuesday and Wednesday in June.—Organized in Bucksport, May 10, 1825.—Semi-annual Meeting in September or October.

CHURCHES.—1874, May 3.—MINISTERS. CHURCH MEM., May 3, 1874. Admitted—1873-4.—Removed. Baptized,

Place and Name.	*Organized.*	*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Inst. or S. S.*	*MA*	*PA*	*Male*	*Fml*	*Tot*	*Abs*	*Prf*	*Let.*	*Tot*	*Dth*	*Dis*	*Ex*	*Tot*	*Adl*	*Inf*	*S.Sch*	*Cont.*
Amherst and Aurora ..	1830, Sept. 14	Henry S. Loring, s. s.	1850, June 20	1867, Nov. 24	24	....	6	14	20	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	$60
Bluehill	1772, Oct. 7	Arthur H. Tebbetts,s.s.	1874, Jan. 1	1872, July 1	....	....	33	72	105	27	5	9	14	5	2	0	7	3	1	80	66
Brooksville, West.	1826, Jan. 4	Edward R. Osgood, s. s.	1871, Oct. 24	1874, May. 3	....	40	40	80	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	25
Bucksport	1803, May 12	William Forsyth.	1870, Sept. 14	1870, Sept. 14	4	4	27	91	118	24	2	0	2	3	1	0	4	1	0	120	650
Castine.	1820, July 27	Alfred E. Ives.	1838, Sept. 25	1855, June 20	36	19	18	72	90	11	4	1	5	1	2	0	3	2	4	124	543
Deer Isle, 1st.....	1773, Aug. 1	Hiram Houston, s. s.	1850, Sept. 25	1868, Apr. 5	24	....	51	119	170	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	1	100	90
Deer Isle, 2d.	1858, Dec. 1	Joshua Eaton, s. s.	1841, Nov. 1	1874, Mar. 1	33	....	17	23	40	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	25	20
Ellsworth	1812, Sept. 8	Ferd.V.D.Garretson,s.s	1871, Oct. 12	1873, Oct. 1	3	....	26	96	122	35	10	0	10	2	1	0	3	9	1	150	235
Isle au Haut.....	1857, May 7	Edmund J. Burgess,s.s.	Licentiate.	1873, June 7	....	....	1	11	12	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	6
Orland.....	1850, Sept. 25	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	14	55	69	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*300	100
Sedgwick&Brooksville	1793, July 8	H. W. Eldridge, s. s.	Licentiate.	1873, July 1	....	.. .	12	17	29	5	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	60	25
Sedgwick Village.....	1847, Oct. 28	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	7	8	15	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	8
Tremont & Mt. Desert.	1722, Oct. 17	Henry M. Perkins.	1872, Aug. 14	1872, Aug. 14	2	2	18	51	69	8	1	0	1	2	1	0	3	0	0	100	32
Thirteen.		3 Pastors, 8 S S. =11.	Av. Min'l &	Past'l Age.	16	8	270	669	939	160	22	12	34	21	7	0	28	15	7	1284	$1860

Average as Stated Supply, five years. (1)Rev. Sewall Tenney, Pastor forty years, resigned July, 1873. Ord. 1831, Aug. 10. *Of these, 50 and 40 in District Schools.

Rev. Alfred L. Skinner (P. M.), of Bucksport, ordained January 27, 1854. Rev. Alexander R. Plumer, Bass Harbor, Seal Cove, and Tremont, ordained Dec. 13, 1854.

Licentiates.—John N. McLoney, 3 mos. from Feb. 1, 1873; Fred. W. Newcomb, 3 mos. from May 24, 1874—West Trenton; G. W. Benjamin, 3 mos. from July 1, 1873—Mt. Desert.

The SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING was held Oct. 21, 22, 1873, with the church in Brooksville (East.)—Opening sermon, Rev. A. H. Tebbetts, of Bluehill. Isaiah 59. 1, 2. The Lord's hand not shortened.—Conference sermon, Rev. H. Houston, of Deer Isle. 2 Peter, 1:10. Give diligence to make your calling and election sure. Topics for Remarks—*The Bible*, as God's message to men; its value to the world; importance of a more thorough knowledge of its great truths; what are the best methods of studying the Bible; what is the Bible standard of Christianity,—in reference to personal piety, and Christian benevolence. The meeting on Tuesday afternoon and evening, had reference especially to Sabbath schools, and the young.—The Lord's Supper administered by Revs. Henry M. Perkins, and Henry S. Loring.

The FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING, was held with the church at Orland, June 16, 17, 1874.—Rev. Sewall Tenney, of Ellsworth. *Moderator.*—Opening sermon, Rev. Alexander R. Plumer, of Tremont, Ex. 14:15. Theme—The duty of the church to press onward in the face of difficulties and hindrances. Conference sermon, Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine, 2 Tim. 1:10.—Topics discussed—*The Church.*—the object for which it was instituted—its worth—its

On Wednesday forenoon a Sabbath school service was held.—Rev. H. S. Loring, Scribe, read a report of the state of the churches. Lord's supper observed—Revs. A. R. Plumer and H. Houston, officiating.

ARTHUR HENRY TEBBETTS, of Portsmouth, N. H., a graduate of Bangor Seminary, 1872, ordained to the work of the Gospel ministry in Bluehill, Jan. 1, 1874.—Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine, *Moderator of Council.*—Rev. Hiram Houston, of Deer Isle, *Scribe.*—Public introductory services, by Rev. G. S. Raymond, of Methodist ch., Bluehill; Sermon, Rev. Wm. Forsyth, of Bucksport, 1 John 3:16, 17; Ordaining prayer, Rev. Sewall Tenney, of Ellsworth; Charge, by Moderator; Right hand, by Scribe; Prayer, Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Searsport; Benediction by Rev. A. H. Tebbetts.

Rev. SEWALL TENNEY, who was installed pastor at Ellsworth, Nov. 11, 1835, and performed a faithful ministry there, nearly forty years, resigned his charge, and preached his farewell sermon, July 13, 1873.—As a mark of the esteem of his people, and of their appreciation of his long service, they presented him with $2000, and the use of the parsonage for the remainder of his life.

Rev. FERDINAND V. D. GARRETSON, of New Brunswick, N. J., (Yale C. 1866, Union Sem. 1869), has supplied the church in Ellsworth since Oct. 1, 1873, and is invited to supply the vacancy.

Rev. HENRY H. HUTCHINSON, who has supplied West Brooksville since Jan., 1871, resigned Nov. 28, 1873, and is now supplying at Whitneyville and Marshfield.

HANCOCK CONFERENCE,—Continued.

The CENTENNIAL OF THE CHURCH IN DEER ISLE, was observed Aug. 1-3, 1873. The and church edifice was tastefully decorated with evergreens and flowers-with mottos, and names of pastors and deacons. The services began with singing, reading the Scriptures and prayer, by Rev. Hiram Houston, acting pastor. The committee of arrangements referred to the objects and arrangements of the celebration. G. L. Hosmer, Esq., gave some account of the early settlers, and their love of religious worship. In the afternoon, an Historical address was delivered by Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Searsport, son of Rev. Jonathan Adams, who was minister at Deer Isle, 20 years.

The morning of the second day commenced with a prayer meeting at 9 o'clock. This was followed by a history of the Sabbath School, by Dea. Joseph Saunders; reminiscences of meeting houses, by Rev. Wm. A. Merrill, of Kennebunkport, who preached the last sermon in the old meeting house, before it was burned. In the afternoon, an address was made in behalf of the Parish, by Hon. C. A. Spofford; Rev. B. Stinson, gave a history of the Methodist E. church in Deer Isle; reference was made to the Baptist and Free Will Baptist churches, and to the church at Isle-au-haut, within the limits of the town, and to the church at North Deer Isle, established in 1858,—all branches of the vine planted a hundred years ago. F. A. Gross, Esq., gave a history of the temperance cause; no place is known where liquor is sold.

On the third day, which was the Sabbath, Rev. J. E. Adams preached in the forenoon and afternoon; the exercises of the Sabbath School, at noon, were appropriate to the occasion. In the afternoon, the Lord's Supper was administered by Revs. Houston and Adams, previous to which a child was baptised, of the fourth generation from Rev. Peter Powers, the first pastor of the church, and of the fifth generation from the first deacon. The day closed with a prayer meeting in the evening, in which tender reminisences of the past, and hopes and pledges for the future were mingled. Reported in Lewiston Journal, Aug. 12, Ch. Mirror Aug. 19, in Bangor and other papers.

The CENTENNIAL OF THE CHURCH IN BLUEHILL was celebrated Dec. 31, 1873. The church completed its first century Oct. 7, 1872, but for various reasons the observance of the event was deferred to the above date. The meeting house was tastefully decorated for the occasion; heavy medallions bearing the names of the pastors of the church, together with appropriate mottos, adorned the walls; in the recess was the motto, "Led of God." and beneath, the portrait of Rev. Jonathan Fisher, the first, and for 41 years, pastor of the church.

The afternoon was devoted to the Historical Address, by Rev. Stephen Thurston, Secretary of the Maine Missionary Society, a former member of the church. In the evening, there were speeches, letters and music, followed by a collation and social chat. Brief addresses were made by Revs. S. Tenney, of Ellsworth, S. Thurston, of Searsport, A. E. Ives, of Castine, H. Houston, of Deer Isle, G. S. Raymond, of Bluehill, Prof. Fletcher, of Castine, Rufus Buck, Esq., of Bucksport, and others. Letters were read from ex-pastors H. M. Stone and S. Bowker, also from Revs. Josiah Fisher, M. L. Richardson, H. A. Wines, E. A. Rand, Prof Jotham B. Sewall, of Brunswick, Dr. Pond, of Bangor, and from many absent sons and daughters of the church. An original historical poem by Augustus Stevens, Esq., of Bluehill, was read by him. The Address and Poem, with lines written by J. G. Harvey, of Portsmouth, N. H., a centennial hymn, by Maria F. Wood, and a report of the exercises, are published in a pamphlet, 36 pps. 8 vo. Reported in Ch. Mirror, Portland; N. Border, Bangor, January 17, 1874, and other papers.

Music was furnished by the choir, C. C. Clough, Esq., leader, Miss S. E. Stevens, organist. Efficient committees arranged the exercises, under the supervision of Rev. A. H. Tebbetts, who had been acting pastor since July, 1872, and who was ordained to the work of the ministry, on the day following, Jan. 1, 1874.

CHURCHES.—*Bucksport.*—Rev. Wm. Forsyth resigned the pastorate in March, on account of his health, but subsequently withdrew it. *Castine.*—Three young men preparing for the ministry. Dea. Samuel Adams, now 85 years of age, has been Superintendent of the Sabbath School, for half a century. Rev. Joel S. Ives, son of Rev. A. E. Ives, is called to 1st church, E. Hampton, Conn. *Deer Isle.*—The week of prayer was observed with marked interest. *Ellsworth.*—An increased religious interest in church and Sabbath School. Also at Ellsworth Falls, where a Union Evangelical church was organized, May 24, 1874, consisting of twenty-five members. *Mt. Desert.*—Rev. John W. Pierce, who was stated supply 1859 to 1864, died March 2, 1872. (See p. 36.) Religious services were held at Bar Harbor during the summer, by ministers who were among the visitors.—*Sedgwick and Brooksville.*—Rev. Irem W. Smith. S. S. in 1856—7; was installed pastor in Otis Center, Mass., Sep. 3, 1873. Sermon by Rev. Wakefield Gale, formerly of Eastport.

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KENNEBEC CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, 2d Tuesday and Wednesday in June.—Organized in Winthrop, Oct. 29, 1823.—Semi-annual Meeting, 4th Tuesday and Wednesday in October.

CHURCHES.—1874, May 3.—MINISTERS.				CHURCH MEM., May 3, 1874.—Admitted.—1873-4.—Removed.													Baptized.			
Place and Name.	*Organized.*	*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Inst. or S. S.*	*MA*	*PA*	*Mle*	*Fm*	*Tot*	*Abs*	*Prf*	*Let.*	*Tot*	*Dth*	*Dis*	*Ex.*	*Tot*	*Adl*	*Inf.*	*S.Sch*	*Cont.*
Augusta	1794, Oct. 7	James H. Ecob.	1872, Oct. 2	1872, Oct. 2	2	2	83	235	316	54	28	6	34	5	7	1	13	21	0	215	$1166
Benton	1858, July 16	John Dinsmore, s. s.	1852, Nov. 18	1873, Nov. 9	....	...	3	22	25	6	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	70	56
Clinton	1858, July 15	Charles D. Crane.	1874, June 11	1874, June 11	....	....	2	4	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	9
Gardiner	1835, July 28	Austin L. Park.	1864, Feb. 2	1864, Feb. 2	10	10	37	118	155	26	19	1	20	1	2	2	5	18	1	90	267
Hallowell	1790, Feb. 25	Charles G. McCully.	1860, July 17	1874, Oct. 15	14	7	31	135	166	33	5	5	10	2	7	0	9	5	0	170	679
Litchfield	1811, June 6	Josiah T. Hawes, s. s.	1828, Jan. 23	1865, July 1	46	....	25	31	56	15	0	1	1	2	1	0	3	0	0	50	60
Monmouth	1853, May 17	(1)Sup.by Prf. Stanley&	stud'ts B't'sC	1872—4.	....	....	15	28	43	13	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	17
Pittston	1812, Nov. 17	L. O. Lee, s. s.	Licentiate.	1873, July 1	....	....	6	21	27	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	22
Richmond	1827, Feb. 8	William C. Curtis, s. s.	1863, Sept. 1	1868, Apr. 19	11	....	10	28	38	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	80
Sidney	1829, Feb. 25	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	8	13	21	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Vassalboro'	1818, July 28	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	4	27	31	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	70	112
Waterville	1828, Aug. 21	(2) Jno. T. Crumrine,	p. elect.	1874, May.	....	....	43	108	151	42	9	1	10	2	1	0	3	9	3	135	135
Winslow	1828, Aug. 27	John Dinsmore, s. s.	1852, Nov. 18	1862, June 10	22	....	18	67	85	20	3	0	3	3	1	0	4	2	3	130	110
Winthrop	1776, Sept. 4	(3) Richard W. Jenkins.	p. e. July, 74	1874, May.	....	....	52	109	161	33	0	0	0	4	2	0	6	0	0	120	96
Fourteen.		3 Pastors, 7 S. S.=10.	Av. Min'l &	Past'l Age,	18	6	335	946	1281	277	67	15	82	22	21	3	46	55	7	1242	$2,811

Average as stated supply, six years. (1)Chas. W. Nile, Licentiate, 3 mos. from July 1, 1873. (2)Rev. James Cameron was acting pastor Oct. 1872, to Apr. 1874. In May, 1874, went to California. (3)Supplied part of year by Rev. H. F. Harding, and from Theo. Sem., Bangor.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Rev. Thomas Adams, Winslow, ordained 1818, August 26. Rev. Henry F. Harding, Hallowell, ordained 1855, Oct. 17. Rev. Albion H. Johnson, Augusta, ordained 1865, Oct. 31. Rev. Frederic E. Sturgess, Gardiner, ordained 1868, Oct. 1.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING in Benton, Oct. 28, 29, 1873.—Rev. Henry F. Harding, *Moderator*. A Sabbath School convention occupied the first day and evening. Rev. Austin L. Park preached to the children from Prov. 30: 24-28. He illustrated many passages by description of scenes in his recent tour in Palestine. A discussion was had on the methods of teaching, and the standard for Sabbath Schools.

Opening Sermon, Wednesday, by Rev. Chas G. McCully, 2 Tim. 2:20. 21, on meetness for the Master's use. Conference Sermon, by Rev. James Cameron, Mark 9:24. Topics for remark:—Are the truths of the Bible losing their controlling power over the hearts and lives of Christians: the tests and proofs of piety in the churches: the responsibility for the abounding spiritual destitution. The Reports of the churches, showed a moderate degree of prosperity. An essay on systematic benevolence was read by Mrs. E. S. Cameron, of Waterville, who also conducted a Ladies' Missionary meeting. A portion of the essay is published in Ch. Mir., Nov. 25. The services closed with the ordinance of the Lord's Supper.

The FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING was held in Monmouth, May 12, 13, 1874. Rev. John Dinsmore, of Winslow, *Moderator*. Discussions occupied the afternoon of Tuesday. In the evening a Praise meeting was held, after which a Sermon by Rev. Wm. C. Curtis, of Richmond, Ps. 17:15. Other topics discussed:—Our debt to the heathen world: philanthropic duties of the Church at Home. Report of the churches, The contributions of the past year, average 56 cts. per member. Rev. Thomas Adams, one of the pioneers of the Temperance cause, gave a vigorous presentation of the duties of the church, with reference to Intemperance. Conference Sermon by Rev. Henry F. Harding, of Hallowell, John 4:22—"Salvation is of the Jews." The Lord's Supper was administered by Revs. B. Tappan, and A. L. Park, previous to which, three were received to the fellowship of the church. The ordinance of Baptism administered by Rev. Josiah T. Hawes, of Litchfield.

JOHN THOMAS CRUMRINE, of Lindley's Mills, Pa., (Waynesburg C. 1871, Andover Sem. 1874,) received a call from Waterville, and commenced labors there, May, 1874.

RICHARD WILLIAM JENKINS, a native of Wales, and a graduate of Bangor Seminary 1874, accepts a call to Winthrop, and will be ordained in Aug., or Sep. He has supplied from May, 1874.

KENNEBEC CONFERENCE—Continued from page 54.

CHARLES DODD CRANE, of Montclair, N. J., (Princeton C., 1869. Union Sem., 1874,) ordained Pastor of the church in Clinton, June 11, 1874. Rev. Thomas Adams, of Winslow, *Moderator of Council.* Rev. Chas. G. McCully, of Hallowell, *Scribe.* Chant by the choir—The Lord's Prayer. Reading the Scripture and prayer, Rev. J. A. L. Rich, of Clinton. Singing, "How beauteous are their feet." Sermon, Rev. James H. Ecob, 1 Cor. 1:21, "It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching, to save them that believe." Ordaining Prayer, and Right hand of fellowship, by Moderator. Singing,—"All hail the power of Jesus name,"—charge to Pastor, Rev. John Dinsmore, of Winslow; Address to People, by Scribe; Singing,—"We bid thee welcome."—Benediction, by Pastor. This church for the first time in sixteen years has a pastor.

REV. JAMES CAMERON, who has supplied Waterville, since Oct. 6, 1872, resigned his charge, May 1, 1874 to seek in California, a less severe climate,—the vote of the church commendatory of his labors, was published in the Cong. Apr. 16, and Ch. Mir. Apr. 18. Mr. C., and wife, arrived in San Francisco, June 20, preached in Howard St. church two Sabbaths, and was expecting to go to Gilroy, Cal. July 12, to preach for a new congregation there.

Rev. GEORGE W. BARBER, Chaplain of the National Military Asylum at Togus, transferred to a similar institution in Milwaukie. The clergymen of Augusta have officiated in rotation, at Togus.

CHURCHES.—*Augusta.*—A church Manual has been published, comprising 72 pps. 12 mo.—Whole number of members since its organization in 1786, 810.—Daniel Waldron died Oct. 24, 1873, æt. 64. Rev. Daniel W. Waldron, City Missionary, Boston, is a son. Dea. John Means died Feb. 17, 1874, æt. 84. He continued in business till his 76th year. For 53 years he was a member, and 43 years a deacon of the church, ready to every good word and work.—A Union church was organized at Cushnoc Heights, in Sep., 1873, and a church edifice is to be built. *Benton.*—This church mourns the loss of Dea. Hinds.—He died in Oct., 1873.—*Gardiner.*—The religious interest here extended to West Gardiner where a Sabbath School was organized 4 years since, by the Hallowell Young Men's Ch. Asso. *Hallowell.*—Rev. John P. Skeele, pastor 1850—57. dis. from Hatfield, Mass., Apr. 29. 1873, and called to West Bloomfield, N. Y., Sep., 1873. Rev. Americus Fuller, pastor 1862—66, resigns his charge at Rochester, Minn., to accept an appointment of the Am. B'd as Missionary to Aintab, Central Turkey. Mrs. Charlotte Sewall Eastman, a native of Hallowell, and for some time in the family of Hon. Robert Rantoul, Consul at Vienna, gives $1000 to establish a scholarship in the Hallowell Classical School. *Richmond.*—Rev. Pliny F. Barnard, pastor 1847—56, was dismissed from Westhampton, Mass., July 1, 1873. Rev. Thomas G. Grassie, S. S. 1865—6, was dis. from Methuen, Mass., Aug. 7, 1873.—The Cong., Metho. and Baptist churches united in the meetings of the week of prayer. *Vassalboro'.*—Rev. J. Dinsmore, of Winslow, closed his labors at N. Vassalboro', Nov. 1, 1873. *Waterville.*—The church edifice has been repaired, a new pulpit built, windows with stained glass, and walls frescoed, at an expense of $2,400, which has been provided for.—It was re-dedicated Nov. 2, 1873. Sermon by Rev. James Cameron.—Revs. John Dinsmore, Dr. Robbins, President of Colby University, and Rev. Mr. Pottle, took part also, in the services. While the house was re-fitting, from Aug., to Oct., the society accepted the offer of the Unitarian Society, to worship in their church, the latter being without a pastor. Rev. Edward Hawes, pastor 1858-64, dis. from Central church, Philadelphia, July 3, 1873; installed pastor North church, New Haven, Conn., Sep. 17, 1873. Installing prayer, by his father, Rev. Josiah T. Hawes, of Litchfield; Sermon by Dr. Buddington, New York.—Rev. Benj. A. Roble, pastor 1866-71, called from Wilmington, Mass., to Groton, Mass. (Accepts.) Mrs. George Sampson has bequeathed $4000 to the Hallowell Classical Institute. *Winthrop.*—Pulpit supplied during the year, by Rev. Henry F. Harding, and members of the Bangor Theological Seminary.—The Annual festival re-union of the church, held Feb. 9, 1874.—Dea. Stephen Sewall, gives the Classical Institute, Hallowell, $1000 for a scholarship. The ladies furnish a room in the building.

The Kennebec County Bible Society held a meeting at Hallowell, March 25, 1874, Dea. Simon Page, of Hallowell, President.

The Kennebec Sabbath School Convention, at West Waterville, Oct. 22–4, 1873. East Kennebec S. S. Association at Weeks Mills, China, Oct.—S. S. Convention at Vassalboro', Oct. 3.—S. S. Convention at West Waterville, Jan. 19, 1874.

Temperance.—A State Convention held in Gardiner, June 11, 1874. In Augusta, Hallowell, and Gardiner, a reform movement has been in progress, which has resulted in lessening the number of drinking places, increasing the attendance upon Sabbath services, and religious meetings, especially among the poorer classes, many of them profligate, hitherto.

LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, Tuesday and Wednesday before second Wednesday in June.—Organized in Alna, June 8, 1825.—Semi-annual Meeting—none regularly.

CHURCHES.—1874, May 3.—MINISTERS. CHURCH MEM., May 3, 1874. Admitted.—1873-4.—Removed. Baptized.

Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Inst. or S. S.	MA	PA	Mle	Fm	Tot	Abs	Prf	Let.	Tot	Dth	Dis	Ex.	Tot	Adl	Inf.	S. Sch	Cont.
Alna	1796, Sept. 27	John Haskell, s. s.	1850, Dec. 25	1872, May 26	....	....	9	41	50	13	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	50	$27
Bath, Winter st.	1795, Dec. 8	John O. Fiske.	1843, Aug. 17	1843, Aug. 17	31	31	95	263	358	72	21	1	22	11	10	0	21	9	2	268	1678
Bath, Central	1835, July 8	William Hart.	1861, Oct. 30	1870, Nov. 2	13	4	45	133	178	0	2	3	5	6	0	0	6	0	0	125	579
Boothbay, First	1776, July 28	Wm. S. Spaulding, s. s.	1848, Sept. 18	1873, June 1	....	....	12	20	32	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	30	6
Boothbay, Second	1848, Aug. 1	Ezra B. Pike, s. s.	1863, Sept. 16	1873, June 1	11	....	20	39	59	16	10	3	13	1	1	0	2	7	1	150	54
Bremen	1829, Mar. 3	George Hindley, s. s.	Licentiate.	1873, July 1	....	....	3	9	12	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	25	37
Bristol	1796, Aug. 17	(1)Wm.S.Spaulding,s.s.	1848, Sept. 18	1870, May 1	26	....	21	40	61	6	1	1	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	30	13
Edgecomb	1783, June 4	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	18	51	69	19	1	0	1	2	1	0	3	0	1	70	36
Lisbon	1839, Dec. 18	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	2	12	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Newcastle, First	1799, June 4	John Haskell, s. s.	1850, Dec. 25	1872, May 26	24	....	11	20	31	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	27
Newcastle, Second	1844, May 22	William F. Obear.	1868, Oct. 14	1872, Oct. 16	6	2	57	126	183	27	3	0	3	5	3	0	8	2	2	150	230
Phipsburg	1765, July 1	F. L. Bristol, s. s.	Licentiate.	1873, July 1	....	....	26	82	108	22	1	0	1	1	3	0	4	1	3	35	200
Rockland	1838, Mar. 8	James E. Hall, p. elect.	1867, Feb. 27	1873, Feb. 1	7	....	5	93	98	14	2	0	2	2	1	0	3	2	5	175	273
Thomaston	1809, June 15	Javan K. Mason.	1849, Jan. 18	1864, Dec. 6	25	10	23	107	130	28	13	0	13	0	0	0	0	12	1	225	119
Topsham	1789, June 26	Samuel Hopkins, s. s.	1831, Oct. 26	1873, Oct. 1	43	....	26	61	87	25	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0	0	43	135
Union	1803, Mar. 3	Flavius V. Norcross.	1860, Oct. 31	1860, Oct. 31	14	14	19	58	77	11	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	148	65
Waldoboro', First	1807, May 13	Andrew J. McLeod.	1870, Sept. 28	1872, Nov. 8	4	2	43	115	158	35	2	0	2	4	2	0	6	1	4	156	200
Waldoboro', Second	1856, Mar. 4	Vacant	.....	.....	...	...	5	4	9	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Warren, Second	1828, Feb. 27	Richard M. Burgess,s.s.	Licentiate.	1874, May.	....	....	39	100	139	31	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	80	19
Washington	1817, Aug. 16	(2)William Peacock,s.s.	Licentiate.	1874, June.	....	....	5	14	19	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	25	30
Wiscasset	1773, Aug. 4	William H. Bolster.	1872, June 11	1872, June 11	2	2	18	68	86	18	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	2	50	40
Woolwich	1765, June 12	Henry O. Thayer, s. s.	1866, July 26	1867, Sept. 15	8	....	26	65	91	8	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	112	67
Twenty-two.		7 Pastors, 16 S. S.=17.	Av. Min'l &	Past'l age,	17	9	528	1521	2049	363	56	8	64	46	32	0	78	34	21	1877	$3836

Average as Stated Supply, three years. (1) Lewis D. Evans, Licentiate, s. s. from June 4, 1874. (2) Rev. S. R. Butler, 2 mos. from July 1, 1873.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Rev. David Q. Cushman, Bath, ordained 1838, Feb. Rev. Daniel F. Potter, Topsham, ordained 1852, Oct. 25.

The FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL Meeting was held at Boothbay Harbor, June 10, 1874. Rev. Flavius V. Norcross, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, Rev. William H. Bolster, Hebrews 12:11, "No chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous," &c.—Conference Sermon, Rev. Henry O. Thayer, Rom. 13:14, "Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ." Topics for remarks:—The love of Christ as a motive to labor and sacrifice; the duty of sustaining the Gospel ordinances, and means of grace; Prayer and other social meetings; Sabbath Schools; the duty of every person immediately to seek the Saviour, and enter actively into his service; the advantages of seeking God in early life; the duty of laboring and giving for the propagation of Christianity, how, and to what extent; no necessary occupation a hindrance in the way of serving God; may seamen enjoy religion?

The claims of the Bible Society were presented by Rev. Wm. H. Gilbert, Agt., for New England. The interesting and profitable exercises closed with the observance of the Ordinance of the Lord's Supper.

The CENTENNIAL OF THE FIRST CHURCH, WISCASSET, was observed August 6, 1873. Public services,—Invocation, by Rev. Josiah Merrill, of Cambridge, Mass., pastor, 1857 to 1863; Scripture Selections, by Rev. Geo. E. Street, of Exeter, N. H., pastor, 1864 to '71; Prayer, Rev. Uriah Balkam, of Lewiston, pastor, 1845 to '54; Hymn; Address by Rev. Professor Alpheus Packard, of Bowdoin Col., whose father, Rev. Hezekiah Packard, was pastor, 28 yrs., (1802 to 1830); Prayer, Rev. Geo. E. Street; Hymn, and Benediction.—After the Public services, there was a social gathering, and collation, in a large tent. Letters were read from those unable to attend, and speeches from past residents of the town, and old members of the church and society. The exercises of the day were fitly closed, by a social prayer meeting, in the evening. Reported in Lewiston Journal, Aug. 8, Ch. Mir. Aug. 12, and other papers.

LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC.—Continued.

The address of Dr. Packard, with the proceedings of the Centennial referred to on the previous page, are published in an octavo pamphlet of 27 pps.

This church was organized in that part of Wiscasset known as Pownalboro, and embraced also what are now the towns of Dresden and Alna.

Bath—Winter St. Ch. The thirtieth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. John O. Fiske, was observed Aug. 19, by a sermon from the pastor, and other exercises. The church was decorated with flowers.—On the 25th anniversary of his marriage, Sept. 19, services appropriate to the occasion were held in the chapel,—which was tastefully adorned. Prayer was offered by Rev. U. Balkam; Address of congratulation by M. F. Gannett, Esq., to which Dr. Fiske replied; Prayer, by Rev. E. H. Byington. Letters were read from Rev. Ray Palmer, former pastor of Central ch., Bath, and from others. Gifts were presented—among them, one hundred newly coined silver dollars, to Mrs. Fiske.—Dea. Henry Hyde, long a valued officer of the church, died Nov. 17.—*Central Ch.* Rev. Wm. Hart, Pastor, returned from Europe, Oct., 1873.—The ladies are raising funds towards the parsonage. *Weeks St. Ch.*—Rev. Sam'l H. Tolman, S. S. 1854—6, and city missionary, died in Nelson, N. H., Oct. 6, 1873, æt 47. (See p. 36.) *Bremen and Bristol.*—Items respecting the ministers, churches and meeting houses of these towns, are given in John Johnston's history of these towns, published in an octavo vol. of 524 pps., in New York.-Rev. John U. Parsons, who was acting pastor in Bristol, 1859 to '62, died in Wellesley, Mass., May 21, 1874. (See p. 41.) *New Castle 2d Ch.*—The ladies have raised funds, which have been appropriated to repairing and improving the vestry.—Mrs. Elizabeth, wife of Rev. Edwin Seabury, first pastor of the church, (1840—8), died in Berlin, Vt., Jan'y 23, 1874.—Rev. Wm. A. Spaulding, pastor of the ch. 1870, 71, returned last autumn, from his mission field in Turkey. He has accepted a call to the Chestnut st. ch., Lynn, Mass., and Sept. 9, 1874, is appointed as the day for his installation. *Phipsburg.*—Mrs. Hannah A. Larrabee, long a member of this church, died in Bath, June 1, 1873. Dea. Samuel Larrabee, of Portland, was a son. Ob. Ch. Mir., by J. O. F., Sept. 16. *Rockland.*—Temperance and religion have made progress. Rev. Levi G. Marsh, of Bangor, supplied the pulpit during the temporary absence of the pastor.—Rev. Samuel C. Fessenden, first pastor of the ch. (1838 to 1856), has an agency for the Am. Cong. Union;—is elected a member of the Connecticut Legislature, from Stamford. *Thomaston*—Rev. Richard Woodhull, for twenty-five years a pastor of this church, (1830 to 1855), died in Bangor, Nov. 12, 1873. (See p. 37.) Rev. J. K. Mason, the present pastor, preached Nov. 27, a commemorative sermon; Text, John 17:14—"I have finished the work,"—which has been published,—15 pps., 8 vo. A sermon delivered by Mr. Mason on the 25th anniversary of his ordination, has also been printed, 14 pps. 8 vo.—Text, Matt. 28:19, 20,—"Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations. Theme. The great commission and promise.—Mr. M. was pastor 16 years at Hampden, has been 9 years at Thomaston. *Union.*—Eight hundred dollars has been expended in repairing the church edifice.—A series of meetings held, following the week of prayer. *Waldoboro'.*—Church edifice repaired and painted.—The discourse of Rev. A. J. McLeod, at the centennial celebration of the town, July 4, 1873, has been published; Text, Zech. 1:5—It is comprised in a 12 mo. volume, of 72 pps., containing also the oration by Col. Bradbury, and other proceedings. *Warren.*—Rev. Edwin S. Beard, pastor of the church, 1864—73, installed pastor, Brooklyn, Conn., Dec. 30. His father offered the Ins. prayer, and his brother gave the right hand.—The brother, Rev. W. H. Beard, formerly of Freedom, is pastor of the neighboring church, in South Killingly.—Rev. Levi G. Marsh, of Bangor, and Rev. John W. H. Baker, of Brewer, have supplied during a portion of the year.—Mr. Alfred Harrison Moment, of Princeton Sem'y, is now S.S. *Washington.*—Rev. S. R. Butler, of Northampton, Mass., who supplied during the summer, went to Quebec in September. *Wiscasset.*—The church edifice has been repaired and renovated, at an expense of $2000.-The centennial observed-see ps. 56, 57. The pastor, Rev. Wm. H. Bolster, is elected a member of the Board of Overseers of Bates College.

The Lincoln County Bible Society held its anniversary Feb. 3, 1874.—Mr. Joseph Moulton gave some report of his work of Bible distribution in Kennebec and Franklin counties. Address by Rev. W. H. Gilbert, Agent for New England.

Lincoln County Sabbath School Convention, in Jefferson, Sept. 24, 25, 1873; Woolwich, Jan'y 13, 1874; Damariscotta, Jan'y 27; Bath, March 17. A. Baker, of Gardiner, President.

(Remainder, see page 59; also on same page, the remainder of Kennebec, from page 55.)

OXFORD CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, 2d Tuesday and Wednesday in June.—Organized in Bridgton, Jan. 16, 1824.—Semi-annual Meeting, 3d Tuesday and Wednesday in October.

CHURCHES.—1874. May 3.—MINISTERS. CHURCH MEM., May 3, 1874.—Admitted.—1873-4.—Removed. Baptized.

Place and Name.	Organized.	Name.	Ordained.	Inst. or S. S.	MA	PA	Mle	Fm	Tot	Abs	Prf	Let.	Tot	Dth	Dis	Ex.	Tot	Adl	Inf	S. Sc	Con.
Andover	1800, Nov. 8	(1)Wm. A. Merrill, s. s.	1852, Oct. 27	1874, Mar. 22	22	...	33	49	82	16	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	3	75	$12
Bethel, First Church	1799, Oct. 7	Nahum W. Grover, s. s.	1868, Sept. 3	1874, June 1	6	....	42	85	127	26	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	0	0	80	85
Bethel, Second Church	1849, Jan. 31	David Garland.	1849, Aug. 15	1849, Aug. 15	25	25	16	40	56	20	4	0	4	1	6	0	7	1	0	65	104
Dixfield	1806, May 8	Robert C. Bedford, s. s.	Licentiate.	1-4 1873.July1	....	....	3	13	16	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	20	13
Gilead	1818, June 20	Henry Farrar, s. s.	1867, Nov. 6	1872, July 14	7	....	5	15	20	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	82	13
Gorham, N. H.	1802, Mar. 18	Geo. F. Tewksbury, s.s.	1838, Jan. 31	1868, Sept. 1	36	....	4	30	34	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	65	43
Norway, First	1804, Oct. 6	Howard W. Pope, s. s.	Licentiate.	1873, May 28	....	....	14	47	61	18	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	50	73
Norway, Second	1853, Jan. 12	Nath'l S. Moore, s. s.	Licentiate.	1874, May 3	....	....	11	48	59	13	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	125	50
Oxford	1826, May 31	Geo. A. Lockwood, s. s	1870, Nov. 26	1870, Nov. 26	4	....	16	41	57	25	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	1	0	100	33
Rumford	1803, May 5	John Elliot, s. s.	1831, Aug. 28	1859, Nov. 30	43	....	9	20	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	15
Shelburn, N. H.	1818, Aug. 26	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
South Paris	1812, Nov. 4	John B Wheelwright.	1851, Sept. 10	1867, Dec 4	23	6	55	108	163	4	7	6	13	1	0	0	1	0	0	125	125
Sumner	1802, Sept. 9	Amasa Loring, s. s.	1812, June 15	1870, Oct. 15	32	....	23	48	71	21	1	0	1	4	2	0	6	0	0	50	96
Turner	1803, Oct. 18	(2)Uriah W. Small, s. s.	1859, Sept. 22	1874, May 1	15	....	33	70	103	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0
Upton	1861, Mar. 19	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	3	10	13	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*25	0
Fifteen.		2 Pastors. 11 S. S.=13.	Av. Min'l &	Past'l Age.	21	15	207	528	895	190	14	6	20	18	13	1	32	2	4	952	8639

Average as Stated Supply, five years.

*Unite with Methodists (40).

(1)James W. Hill, supplied July 1 to Oct., 1873.

(2)Fred E. Emerick, Licentiate, supplied to May 1, 1874.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Rev. Sam'l L. Gould, Bethel, ordained 1839, Oct. 23. Rev. Henry Richardson, Gilead, ordained 1831, Nov. 23.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING at Sumner, Oct. 21, 22, 1873.—Dea. Giles Shurtleff, of Oxford, *Moderator*; Sharon Robinson, jr., of Sumner, *Scribe pro tem.* Opening sermon, Rev. William Warren, of Gorham, Col. 1:17. Theme—"All done for Christ."—Conference Sermon, Rev. Lewis Goodrich, of West Auburn.—Topics discussed—1. What can we do to improve the state of religion among us? 2. What can be done to make the preached word more effective? 3. How to make the Sabbath school more practical and successful. 4. How to make the prayer meeting more attractive and powerful. 5. How can we secure the reviving presence of the Holy Spirit?—What by private effort?—What by social and united endeavors? 6. Christian principle—especial need of it; how will it display itself; how can it be cultivated; the duty of cultivating it. 7. Foreign Missions. 8. The Sabbath. Report of the Churches, by delegates.—The Lord's Supper observed; administered by Revs. W. Warren, and L. Goodrich, of Cumberland Conference.

The SEMI-CENTENNIAL ANNUAL MEETING was held with the Second church, Bethel, June 9, 10, 1874. Hon. Enoch W. Woodbury, of Bethel, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, Rev. John Elliot, of Rumford. Theme—Christianity; what is it? Conference sermon, Rev. George F. Tewksbury, of Gorham, N. H. Rev. David Garland, who has been connected with the Conference and pastor of the Second church, Bethel, twenty-five years, gave a full and interesting history of the churches, which Conference voted to have published. Rev. S. W. Hanks, of Boston, exhibited his picture of the Black Valley Railroad, Tuesday evening, in connection with a temperance address.—Rev. Asa Pullard, of Boston, presented the cause of Sabbath schools, and Rev. John W. Chickering the claims of the Freedmen and Temperance. Topics for discussion.—1. What is the Christian religion? 2. Experimental faith. 3. The revolutionary power of Christianity.—The Oxford county Bible Society held its anniversary, in connection with the Conference. D. P. Brown, President; Rev. J. B. Wheelwright, Vice President. An auxiliary branch to the Woman's Missionary Society was formed. On Tuesday evening, ministers' wives and friends met at pastor Garland's house, and had supper and a social time. This was an old custom revived. The session of Conference closed on Wednesday afternoon, with the observance of the Lord's Supper.—Revs. J. W. Chickering and J. B. Wheelwright presiding. (Reported Lewiston Journal, June 13; Oxford Democrat, June 16; Ch. Mir., Remarks of Dr. Chickering on Am. Miss. Asso., July 7.)

Rev. WILLIAM A. MERRILL, Bangor Seminary 1851, formerly of Deer Isle and Kennebunkport, acting pastor at Andover, from March 22, 1874.

OXFORD CONFERENCE.—Continued.

Rev. NAHUM WESLEY GROVER, (Bowdoin 1864, Bangor, 1867) late acting Pastor, at Mantorville, Minn., commenced his labors with Second Church, Bethel, June 1, 1874.

Rev. NATHANIEL SCHUYLER MOORE (Yale 1861, Union Sem. 1865,) commenced his labors with the Second church, Norway, May 3, 1874—(late acting pastor, at Gilmanton Iron Works, N. H., 1870–'74, previously at Fort Penn. Del., and Westford, N. Y.)

Rev. URIAH WHITNEY SMALL, (Amherst, 1854, Andover, 1858,) stated supply at Turner from May 1, 1874. Mr. S. has been laboring in Sterling, and Lisbon, Illinois, 1859 to 1869.

Bethel First Church.—Was supplied frequently during the summer, by some of the ministers who are among the numerous visitors that frequent the place.—Revs. A. F. Foster of Chelsea, C. Cushing, of Boston, U. Balkam, of Lewiston, Wm. Warren, of Gorham, J. K. Mason, of Thomaston, A. H. Johnson, of Augusta, are reported among the number. The Second ch. is favored in the same way, to some extent. Rev. Eugene H. Titus, who was with the 1st ch., 1868 to 1870, was ordained at Farmington, N. H., Apr. 29, 1873. Centennial celebration of the town, Aug. 22, 1874.

Rumford.—The silver wedding of Rev. & Mrs. John Elliot, occurred April 27, 1874.—Visit, with gifts.—*Shelburne, N. H.*—The Report says, "We have had no preaching for a number of years,—are in a dilapidated state." *Turner.*—It is proposed to expend $1000 in repairs on the church edifice. *Upton.*—Union Meeting House, dedicated Feb'y 26, 1874.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Andover, Chas. A. Newhall; Bethel, 1st ch., Frank Chandler; Bethel, 2d ch., Rev. David Garland; Dixfield, D. S. Libbey; Gilead, Rev. Henry Richardson; Gorham, N. H., Rev. G. F. Tewksbury; Norway, 1st ch., O. Perry; Norway, 2nd ch., T. G. Goodwin; Oxford, Silas P. Hall; Rumford, Dea. Henry Martin; Shelburne, N. H., Mrs. Maria F. Gates; South Paris, Stephen Parsons; Sumner, I. T. Stetson; Turner, N. W. Adams; Upton, A. W. Strickland.

Frederick E. Shaw, of Paris Hill, *Scribe and Treasurer*; Dea. T. G. Goodwin, of Norway, *Reporter of Sabbath Schools.* Next meeting in Norway Village, Oct. 20, 21, 1874.

OXFORD ASSOCIATION formed in Norway, June 11, 1822. Second Tuesday in May, July, and September are its times for meeting. Have held no sessions of late.

KENNEBEC CONFERENCE.—Continued from page 55.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Augusta, Dea. Edward A. Nason; Benton, H. L. Crosby; Clinton, A. M. Billings; Gardiner, Rev. A. L. Park; Hallowell, J. F. Russell; Litchfield, John Hancock; Monmouth, Dea. M. J. Metcalf; Pittston, Dea. David A. White; Richmond, Dea. B. F. Tallman; Sidney, A. Sawtelle; Vassalboro', Otis Hawes; Waterville, J. L. Towne; Winslow, C. H. Keith; Winthrop, Dea. Stephen Sewall.

Rev. Charles G. McCulley, of Hallowell, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.* Next meeting (semi-annual), in Gardiner, Oct. 27, 28, 1874.

Kennebec Association formed in Pittston, July 24, 1816, merged in Kennebec and Somerset Association.

KENNEBEC AND SOMERSET ASSOCIATIONS united, April 23, 1867, at Waterville. Meets fourth Tuesday of January, April and October, and the second Monday in July. Rev. John Dinsmore, of Winslow, *Scribe.* Met in Waterville, Apr. 21, 1874; Skowhegan, July 13.

LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC CONFERENCE.—Continued from page 57.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Alna, Dea. Jeremiah Pearson; Bath, Winter st., Rev. J. O. Fiske; Bath, Central, Dea. Gershom H. Palmer; Boothbay, 1st church, David Adams, North Boothbay; Boothbay, 2d church, Jas. T. Beath; Bremen, J. P. Hilton; Bristol, Leonard Chamberlain; Edgecomb, Dea. Rufus Sewall; Lisbon, Mrs. A. M. Shea, Lisbon Falls, a. c.; Newcastle, 1st church, Joseph Curtis, Sheepscot Bridge; Newcastle, 2d church, Rev. Wm. F. Obear; Phipsburg, Nathaniel C. Read; Rockland, Geo. W. Kimball; Thomaston, J. A. Fuller; Topsham, A. W. Dennett; Union, Augustus Vaughn; Waldoboro, 1st ch., George Allen; Waldoboro, 2d church, Jacob Winchenbeau; Warren, I. P. Starrett; Washington, Dea. Calvin Starrett; Wiscasset, J. W. Taggard; Woolwich, Rev. Henry O. Thayer.

Rev. Wm. F. Obear, of Newcastle, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference;* Mr. Huston, of Damariscotta, *Auditor;* Rev. A. J. McLeod, of Waldoboro, *Reporter.*

LINCOLN ASSOCIATION, formed in Warren, May 1, 1814,—meets third Tuesday in January and second Tuesday in May and September.

LINCOLN (WEST) ASSOCIATION, formed at Phipsburg, May 1, 1844,—meetings, first Tuesday in Feb'y, May, and November. Rev. Henry O. Thayer, of Woolwich, *Scribe.* Met in Newcastle, Oct. 21; Bath, in February and April.

PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, 2d Tuesday and Wednesday in June.—Organized in Brownville, Jan. 11, 1825.—Semi-annual Meeting, 2d Tuesday and Wednesday in Jan.

CHURCHES.—1874, May 3.—MINISTERS. CHURCH MEM., May 3, 1874. Admitted.—1873-4.—Removed. Baptized.

Place and Name.	*Organized.*	*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Inst. or S. S.*	*S. M.*	*P. M.*	*Mle*	*Fm*	*Tot*	*Abs*	*Prof*	*Let.*	*Tot*	*Dth*	*Dis*	*Ex.*	*Tot*	*Adl*	*Inf.*	*S. Sc*	*Cont*
Bangor, First Church	1811, Nov. 7	(1)Newman Smyth.	1868, Jan. 29	1870, Mar. 3	6	1	57	174	231	45	1	0	1	5	1	0	6	1	1	280	650
Bangor, Hammond st.	1833, Dec. 5	Solomon P. Fay.	1849, Sept. 6	1866, Nov. 8	25	8	102	224	326	35	8	11	19	5	9	0	14	6	5	295	1,200
Bangor, Central	1847, Apr. 1	George W. Field.	1853, Nov. 15	1864, Mar. 29	21	10	90	169	259	50	0	4	4	3	4	0	7	0	1	375	1,400
Brewer, First	1800, Sept. 9	Levi L. Paine, s. s.	1861, Oct. 9	1874, Feb. 1	13	....	43	95	138	25	5	1	6	0	2	0	2	5	0	191	405
Brewer Village	1843, Jan. 18	(2)C. E. Harrington, s.s.	Licentiate.	1873, Jan. 1	....	....	16	46	62	13	1	1	2	2	1	0	3	0	4	120	63
Carmel	1853, May 3	No ordinances.	....	....	....	...	1	8	9	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dedham	1841, Dec. 13	From Bangor Sem. 1-4.	....	....	....	....	19	33	52	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	50	22
Dixmont & Plymouth	1831, Sept. 10	Vacant.	....	....	....	....	1	5	6	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	80	5
Hampden	1817, May 6	J. Evarts Pond.	1858, Jan. 21	1873, June 10	16	1	24	83	107	25	14	3	17	2	3	0	5	11	0	125	200
Holden	1828, Nov. 11	Vacant.	....	....	....	....	32	56	88	25	8	0	8	3	5	0	8	6	0	100	5
Kenduskeag	1834, Dec. 23	Amos Redlon, s. s.	1842, July 8	1872, Nov. 1	32	....	17	31	48	15	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	48	2
Oldtown	1834, Sept. 24	Occasional supply.	....	....	....	....	14	49	63	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0
Orono	1826, May 18	Wellington R. Cross.	1865, Sept. 7	1873, Oct. 28	9	1	30	105	135	30	11	0	11	1	0	0	1	8	1	105	146
Orrington, East	1834, June 12	(3)Supplied 1-2 the time.	Bangor Sem.	....	....	....	18	34	52	14	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	40	30
Upper Stillwater	1859, Oct. 6	Wellington R.Cross,s.s.	1-2 1865,Sep. 7	1873, Oct.	....	....	4	16	20	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	0
Veazie	1838, June 19	Vacant.	....	....	....	....	15	30	45	26	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0
Sixteen.		5 Pastors, 4 S. S.=9.	Av. Min'l & Past'l age,		17	5	483	1158	1641	391	18	20	68	25	28	0	53	37	12	1853	1,214

Average as Stated Supply, one year. (1) Prof. Wm. M. Barbour, supplied from April, 1874. (2) Charles B. Woodcock, Licentiate, from June, 1874. (3) Benj. B. Merrill, Licentiate, July 1, 1873,—3 months.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.—Enoch Pond, ordained March 1, 1815; Daniel Smith Talcott, Dec. 7, 1826; William McLeod Barbour, Oct. 2, 1861; Levi Leonard Paine, Oct. 9, 1861, (professors in the Theological Seminary, Bangor); Levi G. Marsh, Oct. 3, 1855; John Kent Lincoln, Sept. 20, 1862; all of Bangor. Rev. Horace Toothaker, East Orrington, ordained Sept. 5, 1861.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, with the Hammond St. church, Bangor, Jan. 13, 14, 1874.—Rev. John W. H. Baker, of Brewer, *Moderator*.—The subjects before Conference for discussion, were—The spiritual condition of the churches within our limits; what constitutes a church of Christ; duty of Christians in regard to public worship; other observance of the Sabbath; in what way can the Bible be made more profitable in the Sabbath service, and in the Sabbath school; giving, as an act of worship. Verbal reports from the churches, by the delegates. The Question Box suggested topics for remark. The Conference Sermon was from Rev. J. Evarts Pond, of Hampden, Psalm 27: 14—"Wait on the Lord."—The ordinance of the Lord's Supper- Revs. Wellington R. Cross, of Orono, and Newman Smyth, of Bangor, officiating.

The FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING, was held in Kenduskeag, June 9, 10, 1874.—Rev. J. Evarts Pond, of Hampden, *Moderator*. The annual report of the state of the churches, was read by the Scribe.—Topics discussed—1. How to exemplify religion so as to make it more effective in winning men to Christ—must manifest the love there is in Christ—prove to them that our religion produces in our hearts a love for them—and an experience of love. 2. Woman's appropriate work in promoting reforms. 3. Claims of the gospel upon men in middle life. 4. Revivals—their permanent fruits in converts and Christians—how best promoted in our churches. The Question Box suggested many valuable thoughts. On Tuesday evening a sermon was preached by Rev. S. P. Fay, of Bangor, Eze. 47: 9.—On the joy of Christian worship, Conference sermon, Rev. W. R. Cross, of Orono, Rev. 2: 10—"Be thou faithful unto death." Lord's Supper administered by Revs. Peter B. Thayer, of Piscataquis Conference, and Rev. John W. H. Baker, of Brewer.

Rev. WELLINGTON ROLVIN CROSS, (Bowdoin 1861, Bangor 1865,) installed pastor of First church, Orono, Oct. 28, 1873. Rev. Ezra H. Byington, of Brunswick, *Moderator of Council*; Rev. John W. H. Baker, of Brewer, *Scribe*. Anthem by choir; Reading scriptures, and prayer, Rev. L. H. Bean, of Methodist ch., Orono; Hymn; Sermon by the Moderator, John 17: 18—"Even so have I also sent them into the world;" Installing prayer, Rev. Solomon P. Fay, of Bangor; Charge to Pastor, Rev. John A. Ross, of Belfast; Right hand, Rev. Chas. L. Nichols, of Brownville; Anthem; Address to people, Rev. Smith Baker, of Lowell, Mass. (a former pastor); Prayer, by scribe; Anthem, Benediction, by pastor.

PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE.—Continued.

Rev. JEREMIAH EVARTS POND, (Bowdoin, 1853, Bangor, 1856). Installed pastor at Hampden, June 10, 1873. (See Minutes 1873, p. 32.)

Rev. JOHN W. H. BAKER, resigned the pastorate at Brewer, Feb. 1874. Council which met Feb. 16, 1874, advised his dismissal to take effect in six months, if mutually agreed upon. Rev. Wm. M. Barbour, of Bangor, *Moderator*; Rev. J. E. Pond, of Hampden, *Scribe*. Record, Ch. Mir., Feb. 24. Prof. L. L. Paine, of Bangor Sem., has supplied the pulpit since Mr. B's resignation.

Rev. NEWMAN SMYTH, resigned the pastorate of the First ch., Bangor, to take effect April 1, 1874.—The Council met Apr. 2, 1874. Rev. George W. Field, of Bangor, *Moderator*. Rev. W. R. Cross, of Orono, *Scribe*.—They declined to advise his dismission. Record Ch. Mir., Apr. 14.

Rev. AMOS REDLON, resigned his charge as acting pastor in Kenduskeag, June 1874. Mr. George H. Johnson, from Andover Seminary, now supplies.

Rev. JOHN R. HERRICK, late Prof. in Theo. Sem. Bangor, and member of this Conference, installed pastor of the church in South Hadley, Mass., Apr. 17, 1874.

Bangor First Ch.—The 60th Anniversary of the Sabbath School held Dec. 21. Addresses by the pastor, and Rev. E. H. Byington, of Brunswick.—*Hammond St. Ch.*—The 40th Anniversary of the Church was held Dec. 31, 1873. During these four decades, the number received to its membership was 920, of whom 472 were on profession of their faith. Removed by death, and dismissions to other churches, 589. During this period, there have been six marked revivals of religion, which added to the church, 308, leaving only 164 added on profession of faith, for the other 34 years. A convincing argument as to the importance of revivals of religion. Fifty of its members have been ministers of the Gospel. An appendix to the Church Manual, has been published containing the additions and changes to Dec., 1873,—comprised in 4 pps. 12 mo. The 40th anniversary of the Sabbath School, was held Dec. 14. Address by Professor Barbour, of the Seminary.—Mrs. Ann A. Fargo, one of the five remaining of the original members of the church died in Bangor, October 5, 1873, æt 82. She was the widowof Rev. George W. Fargo. *Central Ch.*—The pastor returned from a short trip to Europe, August 19, 1873.—The 26th Anniversary of the Sabbath School, held Nov. 9, 1873. Address by Rev. William Forsyth, of Bucksport.—*Brewer*.—This church and the Methodist church held united meetings on week days and evenings, in the autumn and winter, with good results; considerable additions were made to each ch. *Brewer Village*.—Charles E. Harrington closed his labors in May, and Charles B. Woodcock commenced in June. Rev. Clarendon A. Stone, S. S. in 1871-2, has resigned his charge in Southville, Mass. *Hampden*.—This church and Methodist ch., held united meetings in the Town Hall during the winter, resulting in spiritual good, and additions to the churches. *Holden*.—Wm. N. T. Deane, of Bangor Sem., ministered to this church for a season,—but left in Sep., to study for a time in Union Theo. Sem. On his last Sabbath, he preached an appropriate discourse, and in the afternoon received eight members to the church, on profession of their faith.—Five were heads of families: among them, the worthy physician and his wife, who had resided there 35 years—and the patriarch of the town, 80 years of age, who the next fortnight (Sept. 21) was transferred to the church above. (Ob. Ch. M. Sept. 30.) Dr. Pond, of Bangor, preached in the afternoon, and administered the ordinance of baptism, and the Lord's Supper.—Rev. J. T. Closson, supplied a few Sabbaths here and at Dedham in the spring.—Songs of the Sanctuary, introduced Sep. 1873. *Kenduskeag*.—Rev. Robert Page, (pastor 1835 to 1845,) is residing in West Farmington, O., 83 years of age. He read an essay on the resurrection of the body, at a meeting of the Trumbull, and Mahoning Association, in Johnsville, O. *Oldtown*.—Rev. Pindar Field, S. S., 1824-6, died in Hamilton, N. Y., Nov. 24, 1873. (See p. 38.—Rev. Charles Boynton, S. S., 1861-2, has left Eldora Dis., Feb. 19, 1873.—Rev. Wm. H. Rand, S. S. 1872-3, appointed City Missionary, Manchester, N. H., Aug. 1873. *Orono*.—Many of the students of the Agricultural State College, attend worship with this church.—Prof. M. C. Fernald, is Superintendent of the Sabbath School. *Orrington*.—Rev. Horace Toothaker, formerly of Deering and New Sharon, has his home here, and is in feeble health.

WEST BANGOR CHAPEL.—This chapel built by the neighborhood, under the auspices of the Cong. churches in Bangor, from each of which a Trustee is appointed, was dedicated April 2, 1874. *Services*.—Organ Voluntary; Selection by a choir, "Rejoice the heart of thy servant": Reading the Scriptures, and prayer, Rev. Prof. Wm. M. Barbour, of Bangor Sem.; Selection by choir, "Thou art our Father"; History, Rev. J. Evarts Pond, of Hampden, and W. G. Duren, of Bangor; Original Hymn, by Mrs. J. E. Littlefield; Sermon, Rev. S. P. Fay, of Bangor, Psalms 118:26, "Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord; we have blessed you out of the house of the Lord." Dedicatory Prayer, Rev. G. W. Field, of Bangor; Hymn; Prayer, and Benediction, Rev. Ammi R. Prince, of Metho. Ch. A Dedicatory Poem, by Mrs. D. M. Dunham, was read at the anniversary of the Sabbath School, the following Sabbath. A preaching service is held each Sabbath afternoon, followed by the Sabbath School. Prayer meetings, Sabbath and Friday evenings. (Remainder, page 64.)

PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, Tuesday and Wednesday preceding the meeting of General Conference.—Organized in Foxcroft, Sept. 20, 1842.—Semi-annual meeting, third Tuesday in October.

CHURCHES.—1874, May 3.—MINISTERS. CHURCH MEM., May 3, 1874. Admitted—1873-4—Removed. Baptized.

Place and Name.	*Organized.*	*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Inst. or S. S.*	*MA*	*PA*	*Mle*	*Fml*	*Tot*	*Abs*	*Prf*	*Let*	*Tot*	*Dth*	*Dis*	*Ex*	*Tot*	*Adl*	*Inf.*	*S. Sc*	*Con.*
Atkinson	1842, Mar. 2	Vacant.					2	5	7	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	*75	@ 0
Blanchard	1833, Mar. 13	Vacant.					22	28	50	19	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	50	25
Brownville	1819, Aug. 24	Charles L. Nichols.	1861, Nov. 7	1872, Feb. 20	13	2	52	93	145	18	3	2	5	1	1	0	2	1	1	75	83
Dexter	1834, July 22	Thomas N. Davies, s. s.	1869, Mar. 14	1874, May.	5	....	10	30	40	9	4	8	12	0	2	0	2	3	4	40	11
Foxcroft & Dover	1822, Dec. 30	John H. Gurney.	1850, Feb. 22	1869, Oct. 19	24	5	59	130	189	35	7	1	8	2	4	0	6	5	0	135	300
Garland	1810, Mar. 1	Peter B. Thayer.	1848, Dec. 12	1868, Dec. 12	26	26	40	60	100	20	2	0	2	2	5	0	7	1	0	100	112
*Greenville	1869, Dec. 5	(1)Charles Davison, s.s.	1873, Oct. 21	1873, Oct. 21	1	....	13	21	34	5	0	0	0	1	4	0	5	0	0	55	74
Monson	1821, Aug. 11	Amory H. Tyler, s. s.	1854, June 6	1870, July	20	....	43	67	110	25	1	9	10	1	2	0	3	1	0	107	23
Sangerville	1828, Aug. 28	Rufus W. Emerson, s. s.	1856, May 28	1871, May.	18	....	4	7	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	†50	1
Nine.		3 Pastors, 4 S. S.=7.	Av. Min'l &	Past'l Age.	15	11	245	441	686	135	19	20	39	10	18	0	28	11	5	687	$630

*Union Evangelical. Average as Stated Supply, three years. (1) B. F. Grant, Licentiate, supplied 3 months from July 1, 1873. †Union.

David L. Williams, Licentiate, S. S. Welsh congregation, Brownville, from Feb. 22, 1874, 4 mos. and June 5, 4 mos. Rev. Chas. Davison supplied Abbot and Blanchard 3 months from July 1, 1873.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, in Abbot, Oct. 22, 1873.—Rev. Charles Davison, of Greenville, *Moderator*. Conference Sermon, by the Moderator. Text, Heb. 11:8—"He went out, not knowing whither he went." Brief discussions, and report from the churches. The Lord's Supper administered by Rev. George Williams, of Michigan, formerly of this Conference, and Rev. Peter B. Thayer, of Garland. A severe storm prevented a meeting on the first day, appointed. The ordination of Dea. Chas. Davison occupied a part of the second day.

THE THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING was held in Blanchard, June 16, 17, 1874.—Rev. C. Davison, *Moderator*. Opening sermon, Rev. Charles L. Nichols, of Brownville, Matt. 11:28—"Come unto me, all ye that labor," &c. Conference sermon, Rev. John W. H. Baker, of Penobscot Conference. Eph. 3. 19: "To know the love of Christ." Topics for remark—I. Christian benevolence. "What is it? 2. How developed? 3. To what extent should it be practiced? I. The Sabbath—1. Change of the time, from the seventh to the first day of the week. 2. The necessity of Sabbath observance. 3. The responsibility of parents in this matter. Report of the churches, by the Scribe. No revival in any church. Remarks were made, suggested by the report. Rev. J. W. H. Baker, of Brewer, reported from Penobscot Conference. The Lord's Supper administered—Revs. P. B. Thayer, of Garland, C. L. Nichols, of Brownville; Deacs. Blanchard, of Blanchard, and Woodbury, of Dover, officiating.

DEA. CHARLES DAVISON, of Greenville, was ordained to the work of the ministry, in Abbot, Oct. 22, 1873.—Letters missive, convening the Council, were sent by the church in Monson.—Rev. John H. Gurney, of Foxcroft, was *Moderator*; Rev. Rufus W. Emerson, of Monson, *Scribe*. *Public Services*—Introductory, by the Scribe; Sermon, by Rev. Amos Redlon, of Kenduskeag. Mark 16:15—"Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." Ordaining prayer, by Moderator; Charge, Rev. Amory H. Tyler, of Monson; Right hand, Rev. P. B. Thayer, of Garland; Prayer, John Hemmenway, (Licentiate) of Brighton; Benediction, Rev. C. Davison. Mr. D. has been S. S. at Greenville, from November, 1872. Licensed by the Piscataquis Association, May, 1873.

Rev. THOMAS MATHEW DAVIES, a native of Wales, ordained March 14, 1869, stated supply at Dexter, from March, 1874.

Rev. PETER B. THAYER, who has been pastor of the church in Garland for 26 years, has a release of six months from his charge. He will visit, for a time, the missionary churches in Aroostook and Washington counties. Rev. T. M. Davies, of Dexter, will supply a part of each Sabbath.

Rev. NATHAN W. SHELDON, Pastor at Brownville, 1824 to 1833, and subsequently at Rumford and Gray, died in Natick, Mass., Nov. 26, 1873, æt 82. (See p. 38).

The church in Greenville have an 800 lb. Meneely bell, contributed by friends in various parts of the State, through the efforts of Mrs. E. S. Cameron.

The Scribe of this Conference left off, in his report, the church in Abbot and Guilford, which was organized Feb. 2, 1841. He says most of the members have joined the Methodist church, for the sake of enjoying church privileges.

A Sabbath School Convention was held in Exeter, Aug. 27, 1873. The Piscataquis S. S. Convention in Sangerville, June 16, 1874. (Remainder page 64.)

SOMERSET CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, Tuesday preceding 2d Wednesday in June.—Organized in Norridgewock, Oct. 1, 1823.—Semi-annual Meeting, no regular day, usually in Oct.

CHURCHES.—1874, May 3.—MINISTERS.							CHURCH MEM., May 3, 1874. Admitted—1873-4.—Removed. Baptized.															
Place and Name.	*Organized.*	*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Inst. or S. S.*	*MA*	*PA*	*Mle*	*Fml*	*Tot*	*Abs*	*Prf*	*Let.*	*Tot*	*Dth*	*Dis*	*Ex.*	*Tot*	*Adl*	*Inf*	*S. Sc*	*Con.*
Anson	1840, Apr. 19	Lauriston Reynolds,s.s	Licentiate.	1874, May.	....	....	19	39	58	28	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	30	$15
Athens.	1867, June 6	William S. Sewall, s. s.	1839, Sept. 25	1871, Oct.	....	....	12	27	39	5	1	0	1	1	3	0	4	1	0	120	10
Bingham	1805, July 24	H. P. Craig, s. s.	Licentiate.	1873, July 1	....	....	19	28	47	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	25
Madison	1826, Apr. 25	Thomas G. Mitchell,s.s.	1846, Nov. 18	1851, Nov. 16	28	....	28	45	73	26	2	1	3	0	6	0	6	0	2	56	35
Madison, East	1858, Mar. 20	G. A. Curtis, s. s., & W.	S.Sewall, s.s.	1873, 4.	....	....	7	11	18	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	*75	4
Mercer	1822, Oct. 30	Vacant.	....	....	....	....	8	12•	20	7	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	*40	1
New Portland, North.	1869, May 27	(1)George W.Hathaway s. s. part of year.	1833, Mar. 20	1872.	41	....	3	12	15	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	*75	0
Norridgewock	1797, Sept. 22	Benjamin Tappan.	1838, Aug. 8	1858, Oct. 27	36	16	38	84	122	39	0	0	0	3	4	0	7	0	0	161	206
Skowhegan	1868, Sept. 9	Webster Woodbury, s.s.	1868, Sept. 9	1870, Apr. 1	6	....	44	104	148	25	13	5	18	0	1	0	1	10	3	200	337
Solon	1842, Jan. 25	Ezra N. Smith, s. s.	1872, June 12	1872, May.	2	.. .	5	8	13	3	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	5
Solon, South.	1806, Sept. 30	Vacant.	....	....	....	....	2	10	12	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Albans	1830, June 18	William S. Sewall, s. s.	1839, Sept. 25	1864, June 10	35	....	9	12	21	5	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	125	20
Twelve.		1 Pastor, 8 S. S.—9.	Av. Min'l &	Past'l Age.	28	16	194	392	586	150	17	8	25	10	19	0	29	11	5	977	$698

Average as Stated Supply, six years. (1) Lauriston Reynolds, Licentiate, from May, 1874. George W. Winch, Licentiate, Canaan, from July 1, 1873, 3 mos. L. B. Tuckerman, Licentiate, Moose River, from July 1, 1873, 3 months. John Hemmenway, Licentiate, Brighton, from Jan. 1, 1874. *Union.

The FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING was held with the church in Madison, June 9, 10, 1874.—Rev. Geo. W. Hathaway, of Skowhegan, *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, by Rev. John Dinsmore, of Kennebec Conference, 2 Tim. 2:13, "He abideth faithful." Conference Sermon, Rev. Webster Woodbury, of Skowhegan, 1 John 1:7; Theme—Redemption through the blood of Christ. Topics of Discussion during the meeting. 1. Duty of the Conference toward the individual churches composing it. 2. Responsibility of Christians, with regard to the cause of Temperance. 3. How to train up the young socially, and for active usefulness in the church. 4. The Missionary work in its relation to spiritual prosperity. 5. The state of religion as it is, and as it should be. An interesting address was given on Missionary organizations, by Rev. Lewis Grout, of Brattleboro', Vt., formerly missionary in South Africa.—A praise meeting was held on Tuesday evening. The Lord's Supper administered by the Moderator, and Rev. L. Grout.

A pleasant meeting, with encouraging fullness of attendance.

The Annual Meeting of the Somerset Bible Society was held in connection with the Conference. Hon. James Bell, of Skowhegan, President; Rev. W. Woodbury, Cor. Secretary. Address by Rev. Hosea Pierce, of Skowhegan. No semi-annual meeting of Conference.

Bingham.—Horace P. Craig, Licentiate from the New Brunswick Theological Seminary, to supply three-fourths of the time, from Aug. 1873. *Brighton*.—The meeting-house built here, was dedicated Jan. 1, 1874. Dedicatory Prayer, by Rev. Perkins Hutchins, of Brighton. Addresses by Rev. Messrs. Friend, of Ripley; Walker, of Pittsfield; Turner, of Harmony; Lancaster, of Withington; Wills, of Athens; and Washburn, of Parkman; also, by Dr. Tobey, of Athens; Messrs. Herrick, of Harmony; John Hemmenway, and D. Thompson, of Brighton. The house is 42x36, costing about $2,500. Mr. John Hemmenway, *Licentiate*, is supplying the pulpit. *Madison*.—Rev. Thomas G. Mitchell, has been the acting pastor of the Church, twenty-three years; and deserving of honorable mention. *Norridgewock*.—An organ has been presented by friends in California, former residents in N. *North New Portland, New Vineyard, and South Anson*.—Lauriston Reynolds, Licentiate from Bangor Theological Sem'y, supplied these churches, from May 1874.—Dea. Rufus Viles, died in North New Portland, Nov. 28, 1873, æt 83. A member of the Cong. ch. 50 years. He did a good work in the Flagstaff church, 19 yrs. and at N. New Portland, 21 yrs. Rev. W. Woodbury, of Skowhegan, conducted the funeral services, Sabbath afternoon, Nov. 30. *Skowhegan*.—The churches in this place, united in a series of meetings in the winter and spring, which resulted in a spiritual quickening, and additions to their membership. Rev. Geo. W. Hathaway, elected Sep. 1873, a member of the Legislature. (Remainder next page.)

SOMERSET CONFERENCE.—Continued.

The Somerset Co., Sabbath School Convention, was held in Skowhegan, Oct. 28, 29, 1873.

CLERKS OF CHURCHES.—Anson, Arthur Dinsmore; Athens, Dr. W. B. Leavitt; Bingham, Dea. Nathan Baker; Madison, Dr. C. D. Morrill; Madison, East., Mark Hobart; Mercer Albert J. Downs; New Portland, North, Dr. W. H. Stevens; Norridgewock, H. N. Page; Skowhegan, Hon. James Bell; Solon, Dr. Mortimer Bodwell; South Solon, William K. Paul; St. Albans, Nathaniel Merrill.

Rev. Benjamin Tappan, of Norridgewock, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.* Next annual meeting in Bingham.

SOMERSET AND FRANKLIN ASSOCIATION formed at Strong, May 4, 1853. SOMERSET ASSOCIATION united with FRANKLIN, was formed July 10, 1844; these are now merged in the KENNEBEC AND SOMERSET ASSOCIATION, formed at Waterville, April 23, 1867; meets fourth Tuesday of January, April, and Oct., and second Monday in July. Rev. John Dinsmore, of Winslow, *Scribe.* Met in Waterville, Apr. 21, 1874; Skowhegan, July 13.

PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE.—Continued from page 61.

TEMPERANCE.—The women of the several churches, in Bangor, have held frequent meetings in Norombega, City, and Temperance Halls, and the pastors and churches, with the general temperance organizations, have co-operated with them, in promoting this cause.—In Orono, Oldtown, and some other towns, similar efforts were made.

The Maine State Sabbath School Convention, held its session in Bangor, May, 19, 20, 1874. Dea. Joseph S. Wheelwright, of Bangor, President. Singing conducted by Prof. Sherwin, of New York.—A Sabbath School Convention was held in Plymouth, Sept. 24, 25, 1873.—The Bangor Young Men's Bible Society, commenced an effort in the summer of 1873, to canvass a portion of Penobscot County, through the pastors and churches, in their respective neighborhoods.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Bangor, 1st ch., Sidney W. Thaxter; Bangor, Hammond st. ch., Dea. E. F. Duren; Bangor, Central ch., Henry S. Brown; Brewer, 1st ch., C. O. Farrington; Brewer Village, Daniel Sargent, 2d; Carmel, S. Chamberlain; Dedham, Benj. P. Todd; Dixmont and Plymouth, Josiah Parsons, Plymouth; Hampden, Augustus Alden; Holden, Reuben Freeman; Kenduskeag, Orren R. Barrows; Oldtown, C. A. Bailey; Orono, Dea. Joseph Greaves; East Orrington, Warren Ware; Upper Stillwater, Oliver A. Waterhouse; Veazie, Dea. Nahum Warren.

William G. Duren, of Bangor, *Scribe of Conference;* Dea. E. F. Duren, of Bangor, *Treasurer.* Next meeting in Bangor, Jan. 12, 13, 1874.

PENOBSCOT ASSOCIATION formed at Bangor, August 8, 1832. Annual meeting on Tuesday, preceding the third Wednesday in December,—other meetings by adjournment. Met in Bangor, at Seminary Reading Room, Feb'y 2, 1874; May 4; May 20. At the last meeting, 14 were licensed to preach, and 6 others had their licenses renewed for three years. Rev. L. L. Paine, *Moderator;* Rev. S. P. Fay, *Scribe.*

PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE—Continued from page 62.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Abbot and Guilford, Daniel R. Straw, jr., of G.; Atkinson, R. B. Gould; Blanchard, Daniel Blanchard; Brownville, E. W. Stickney; Dexter, Dea. J. W. Barron; Foxcroft and Dover, C. H. B. Woodbury, of Dover; Garland, Rev. P. B. Thayer; Greenville, Rev. Chas. Davison; Monson, Gustavus B. Hiscock; Sangerville, Dea. Joseph Fowler.

Rev. Rufus W. Emerson, of Monson, *Scribe of Conference;* C. H. B. Woodbury, of Dover, *Treasurer.* Next meeting in Monson, October 20, 21, 1874.

PISCATAQUIS ASSOCIATION, formed at Monson, January 25, 1841. Annual meeting, third Tuesday in February; other meetings quarterly. Rev. John H. Gurney, of Foxcroft, *Scribe.* Met in Kenduskeag, Aug. 19, 1873; Abbot, Oct. 22. At this meeting, Mr. John Hemmenway, of Brighton, was licensed to preach. Met in Foxcroft, Feb. 17 and March 1, 1874; in Brownville, May 26.

UNION CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, Tuesday preceding 2d Wednesday in June (two days).—Organized in South Bridgton, June 14, 1836.—Semi-annual Meeting, last Tuesday in October (two days).

CHURCHES.—1874, May 8.		MINISTERS.					CHURCH MEM., May 8, 1874.				Admitted—1873-4—				Removed.				Baptized.			
Place and Name.	*Organized.*	*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Inst. or S. S.*	*MA*	*PA*	*Mle*	*Fml*	*Tot*	*Abs*	*Prf*	*Let*	*Tot*	*Dth*	*Dis*	*Ex.*	*Tot*	*Adl*	*Inf*	*S. Sc.*	*Con.*
Albany	1803, Sept. 15	John E. Smith, s. s.	Licentiate.	†1873, June.	....	....	15	34	49	20	2	1	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	83	$26
Bridgton	1784, Aug. 26	John T. Rea, s. s.	1873, Aug. 8	1873, Feb. 1	1	....	33	94	127	17	14	2	16	2	3	0	5	10	0	240	37
Bridgton, North	1832, Nov. 15	Nehemiah Lincoln.	1872, May 15	1872, May 15	2	2	12	40	52	12	6	0	6	3	0	0	3	6	0	72	56
Bridgton, South	1829, Dec. 30	John W Brownville.	1873, Dec. 18	1873, Dec. 18	1	1	24	40	64	17	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	86	102
Brownfield	1804, Oct. 1	(1)Eben'r S. Jordan, s.s.	1857, Dec. 17	1874, Mar. 20	17	....	16	28	44	10	0	0	0	2	4	0	6	0	0	75	71
Casco	1804, Sept. 19	A. Libby (Baptist), s. s.	.....	1873.	....	....	9	10	19	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	50	17
Denmark	1829, July 5	Truman S. Perry, s. s.	1873, June 18	1872, July 7	1	....	10	33	43	15	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	25	27
Fryeburg	1775, Aug. 21	Baman N. Stone.	1871, June 6	1874, June 18	3	....	66	120	186	40	0	0	0	3	7	0	10	0	3	100	66
Harrison	1826, Feb. 15	Nehemiah Lincoln.	1872, May 15	1872, May 15	....	....	19	18	37	21	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	58	7
Hiram	1826, Oct. 26	R. Henry Davis, s. s.	1872, Nov. 12	1872, Oct. 1	2	....	5	13	18	1	3	1	4	0	2	0	2	1	0	70	75
Lovell	1798, Oct. 6	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	41	80	121	28	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	1	50	33
Naples	1858, Aug. 10	H. F. Snow(F.W.B.),s.s.	1858, June 10	1872, Dec.	16	....	3	14	17	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*100	6
Otisfield	1797, Nov. 23	(2)Joseph Loring, s. s.	1833, Sept. 10	1874.	41	....	26	39	65	4	3	0	3	1	2	0	3	2	0	65	15
Stow and Chatham	1861, Oct. 22	Charles E. Fitz, s. s.	Licentiate.	1874, June 5	....	....	18	26	44	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0
Sweden	1817, Nov. 4	Truman S. Perry, s. s. ½	1873, June 18	1873, Feb. 1	....	....	22	29	51	13	4	0	4	2	1	0	3	4	0	35	48
Waterford	1799, Oct. 2	John A. Douglass,	1821, Nov. 7	1821, Nov. 7	53	53	36	67	103	29	1	4	5	3	1	0	4	0	0	80	273
		A.J. Smith(colleague)	1866, Nov. 6	1873, Sept. 11	8	1															
Waterford, North	1865, June 20	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	22	51	73	18	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	0	0	25	9
Seventeen.		4 Pastors. 9 S. S.=13.	Av. Min'l & Past'l age,		13	12	377	736	1113	261	35	8	43	28	28	0	56	23	4	1239	$928

Average as stated supply, two years. *Union.

(1) Nathan Hart Whittlesey, Licentiate, from May 18, 1873, 15 weeks. (2) Herbert A. Loring, Licentiate, S. S. June 8 to Oct. 1, 1873.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, with the church at Hiram, in their new and commodious house of worship, Oct. 28, 29, 1874.—Rev. Truman S. Perry, *Moderator*; Opening sermon by Rev. John T. Rea, of Bridgton—"A new commandment I give unto you." Conference sermon, by the Moderator—"He saved others." Topics for remark—I. The Holy Spirit,—his agency not sufficiently exalted in preaching, and in our Christian thought. 1. Is the term applied to the influence of the truth, simply; or, 2,—to the influence of Christ; or, 3—is it a name of a distinct person; 4—what are the relations, intrinsic and official, of the Holy Spirit to the other persons of the Trinity? II.-Christ's promise of the Spirit:—1, to whom made; 2, When was the promise fulfilled, or have we yet to wait its fulfilment? III:—What is the work of the Holy Spirit:—1, in the church; 2, in the world; 3, the means that he employs. IV.—Our need, as churches and communities, of the Holy Spirit. V.—How shall we attain for ourselves, and use for the good of others, the presence and power of the Holy Spirit? Topics for the prayer meeting:—for a blessing upon the meeting of Conference; upon the churches represented; for Bangor Seminary, and churches of the State; for the presence and blessing of the Holy Spirit, in the churches throughout the world. The devotional exercises were characterized by earnestness and spirituality. Revs. A. Blanchard, of Cumberland Conference, and Albert Cole and Reuben D. Osgood, of York Conference, were present and took part in the services. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper administered by Rev. David B. Sewall, of York Conference, and John T. Rea, of Bridgton.

NO ANNUAL MEETING held.

TRUMAN SUMMERFIELD PERRY, (Bowdoin, 1850) ordained as an evangelist, in Sweden, June 18, 1873; S. S. in Denmark and Sweden from July 7, 1872, to July 13 and 19, 1874. (See Minutes 1873, p. 53.) Mr. Perry accepts, July, 1874, a call to Cumberland.

JOHN THOMAS REA, of Boston, a graduate of Bangor Seminary 1872, ordained to the work of the gospel ministry, at Bridgton, August 8, 1873—Rev. Andrew J. Smith, of Waterford, *Moderator of Council*; Rev. Truman S. Perry, of Sweden, *Scribe*. Services at ordination.—Anthem, by the choir; Invocation, Rev. Nehemiah Lincoln, of North Bridgton; Reading of the Scriptures, John W. Brownville, of South Bridgton; Hymn; Sermon, Rev. Edward A. Rand, of East st. Cong. ch., South Boston, 2 Cor. 3:11—"Other foundation can no man lay, than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ;" Ordaining prayer, by Moderator; Charge, Rev. N. Lincoln: Right hand, by Scribe; Anthem; Benediction, by pastor. Mr. B. commenced as S. S. in Feb., 1873. (Ch. Mir. Aug. 19).

UNION CONFERENCE.—Continued from page 65.

Rev. ANDREW JACKSON SMITH (Bowdoin 1863, Bangor 1866), was ordained Colleague Pastor of the church in Waterford, Sept. 11, 1873.—Rev. William Warren, of Gorham, *Moderator;* Dea. Frederic E. Shaw, of Paris Hill, *Scribe.* Public Services—Selection by the choir; Reading the Scriptures, Rev. H. Kendall, of Metho. ch., Waterford; Prayer, Rev. Edward F. Abbot, of Lovell; Hymn; Sermon, Rev. Leonard Z. Ferris, of Gorham, 1 Cor. 2:4—" My speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit, and of power;" Installing prayer, by Moderator; Charge, Rev. Truman S. Perry, of Denmark; Right hand, Rev. Nehemiah Lincoln, of North Bridgton; Address to people, Rev. John B. Wheelwright, of South Paris; Prayer, Rev. David Garland, of Bethel; Benediction, Rev. A. J. Smith. Rev. John A. Douglass, the venerable senior pastor, by letter, extended a hearty welcome to to the young pastor, and cordially unites with his people in his settlement among them. The letter was included in the Minutes of the Council. The church has had but two pastors previous,—Rev. Lincoln Ripley, Ord. Oct. 2, 1799, on the same day the church was organized, and Rev. J. A. Douglass, Ord. Nov. 7, 1821, on the same day Mr. Ripley was dismissed.

JOHN WILSON BROWNVILLE, of South Boston, a graduate of Bangor Seminary, 1873, ordained pastor at South Bridgton, Dec. 18, 1873.—Rev. Andrew J. Smith, of Waterford, *Moderator of Council;* Rev. Addison Blanchard, of Cumberland Mills, *Scribe.* Services—Anthem by choir; Reading the Scriptures, Rev. N. Hobart of Metho. ch., Bridgton; Prayer; Hymn; Sermon by the Moderator; Installing prayer, Rev. Edward F. Abbot, of Lovell; Charge, Rev. Nehemiah Lincoln, of N. Bridgton; Right hand, Rev. John T. Rea, of Bridgton; Address to the people, by the Scribe (a former pastor); Anthem; Benediction by pastor. Bridgton News, Dec. 26.

Rev. BAMAN NELSON STONE, (Amherst 1863, Bangor 1869), installed pastor of the church in Fryeburg, June 18, 1874. Rev. Professor Wm. M. Barbour, of Bangor Seminary, *Moderator of Council;* Rev. Addison Blanchard, of Cumberland Mills, Westbrook, *Scribe.* Installation services—Anthem, by choir; Reading the Scriptures, and prayer, by Rev. Nehemiah Lincoln, of North Bridgton; Hymn, "Go, preach my gospel;" Sermon, by the Moderator, Matt. 5:17—19; Hymn, "How beauteous are their feet;" Installing prayer, Rev. Albert Cole, of Cornish; Charge, Rev. Benjamin P. Snow, of Deering; Right hand, Rev. John T. Rea, of Bridgton; Address to people, Rev. William Clark, of Amherst, N. H.; Anthem, "Sweet Peace;" Benediction, by pastor. Mr. Stone was ordained in Loudon, N. H., June 6, 1871.

Rev. EBENEZER STEVENS JORDAN, (Bowdoin 1847, Bangor 1855), formerly of Wilton, N. H., and Cumberland, stated supply at Brownfield, from March 20, 1874.

Rev. JOSEPH LORING, (Bowdoin 1828, Bangor 1833), at East Otisfield, from May, 1874, without special charge. Mr. L. has been acting pastor in Edgecomb from March 12, 1865.

Rev. HENRY FRANCIS SNOW, (New Hampton Institute 1858), engaged another year to supply the church in Naples—S. S. from Dec., 1862. Mr. S. ordained in Free Baptist church, Manchester, N. H., June 10, 1858.

Bridgton.—The church has revised and modified its ancient church creed. Rev. Caleb F. Page, pastor 1833 to 1850, and previously at Limington, died at Milton Mills, N. H., Dec. 6, 1873, æt 75. (See p. 39.) Rev. Edwin P. Wilson, S. S. 1869—72, now of Watertown, Mass., is Sec'y of the Suffolk West Conference. *South Bridgton.*—An increased activity has pervaded this church (as well as those in Bridgton and N. Bridgton.) Many of its members, at the close of the afternoon service, have gone into the surrounding districts, visiting the sick and those who do not attend public worship, administering to their temporal and spiritual wants,—returning in the evening to the prayer meeting, relating their experience. Rev. Benj. F. Manwell, pastor 1862 to 1866, died in Lawler, Iowa, Feb. 24, 1874, æt 43. (See p. 39.) *North Bridgton* Has suffered in the death of some of its most valued members. Dr. Moses Gould, Clerk of the church, died Jan. 24, 1874, and his son Walter, æt 44, Feb. 1. Rev. Leonard W. Harris, pastor 1842 to 1852, called from Lunenberg, Vt., to Colebrook, Conn., Oct., 1873, accepts. *Brownfield.*—Died Oct. 4, 1873, Mrs. David Bean, æt 94—a daughter of Rev. Jacob Rice, who was the first pastor of this church.—A council was called Dec. 30, 1873, at the request of Mr. Lyman H. Abrams, in reference to his ordination. Rev. Albert Cole, of Cornish, *Moderator;* Rev. R. Henry Davis, of Hiram, *Scribe.* The decision of the council was adverse to the ordination. *Fryeburg.*—A new parsonage projected. A four-faced clock has been provided for the church edifice, from funds of the late Miss Ella Osgood Rev. Mr. Mills, Evangelist, formerly of Easton, Mass., supplied Aug., 1873,—Rev. Charles Barrows, of Lowell, Mass., Oct., 1873. Sabbath school celebration held July 4, 1874. *Hiram.*—Rev. Horace H. Leavitt, S. S. in 1871, sailed from San Francisco, Oct. 16, 1873, for his mission field in Osaka, Japan, under the auspices of the Am. Bd.—Letter from him, Ch. Mirror, Feb. 10, 1874. (Remainder page 74.)

WALDO CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, 2d Tuesday & Wednesday in June.—Organized in Searsport, June 14, 1848.—Semi-annual meeting, 2d Tuesday & Wednesday in October.

CHURCHES.—1874, May 3.—MINISTERS. CHURCH MEM., May 3, 1874. Admitted—1873-4.—Removed. Baptized,

Place and Name.	*Organized.*	*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Inst. or S. S.*	*M A*	*P A*	*Mel*	*Fml*	*Tot*	*Abs*	*Prf*	*Let.*	*Tot*	*Dth*	*Dis*	*Ex.*	*Tot*	*Adl*	*Inf*	*S. Sc*	*Con.*
Belfast, First	1706, Dec. 29	John Alexander Ross.	1854, June.	1873, Sept. 14	20	1	23	78	101	15	0	2	2	6	0	0	6	0	0	70	$202
Belfast, North	1846, Sept. 24	A. G. Fitz, s. s.	Licentiate.	1873, July 1	....	....	12	24	36	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	45
Camden, Elm st.	1805, Sept. 11	Ebenezer Bean, s. s.	1802, Mar. 5	1874, Jan. 11	12	....	31	94	125	33	1	0	1	1	2	0	3	1	0	170	100
Frankfort	1851, Nov. 18	Richard B. Snell, s. s.	Licentiate.	1873.	....	....	2	10	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	20
Freedom	1858, Apr. 14	Alfred H. Moment, s. s.	Licentiate.	1873.	....	....	11	21	32	7	10	1	11	1	0	0	1	10	0	40	0
Jackson and Brooks	1812, Oct. 6	Albert N. Jones.	1872, Feb. 8	1872, Feb. 8	2	2	18	44	62	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	130	58
Rockport	1854, June 12	(1)John K. Fowler, s. s.	Licentiate.	1873, July 1	....	....	16	37	53	15	10	0	10	0	0	0	0	6	1	40	48
Sandy Point	1839, Oct. 16	Benjamin B. Merrill, s. s.	Licentiate.	1874, May.	....	....	28	49	77	37	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0	70	40
Searsport, First	1815, Oct. 4	Jona. E. Adams.	1859, Oct. 19	1866, May 16	15	8	53	127	180	14	9	4	13	4	1	0	5	7	0	150	721
Searsport, Second.	1855, Sept. 19	Jona. E. Adams, s. s.	1859, Oct. 19	1873, occas'ly	..	....	7	25	32	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	30	40
Unity	1804, Dec. 1	Vacant.	.....	.....	....	....	1	3	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Winterport	1820, Sept. 17	Chas. B. Ramsdell, s. s.	Licentiate.	1874.	....	....	9	39	48	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	45
Twelve.		3 Pastors, 8 S. S.=11.	Av. Min'l &	Past'l Age,	12	4	211	551	762	169	30	7	37	15	6	0	21	24	3	805	1439

Average as stated supply, one year. (1)David F. Stewart, Licentiate, from Union Sem'y, 2 mos. from May 16, 1874.

Rev. Stephen Thurston, Secretary of the Maine Missionary Society, Searsport, ordained 1826, Aug. 9. Rev. Wooster Parker, Belfast, ord. 1832, Sept. 29. Rev. Edward F. Cutter, Belfast, ordained 1833, May 8.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING with the church in Belfast, Oct. 21, 22, 1874. Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Searsport, Moderator. Opening discourse by Albert H. Moment, of Freedom, James 1:27—"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this." &c. Conference sermon, Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Searsport, Psalm 137:5,6—"If I forget thee, O, Jerusalem." &c. Discussion of topics.—1. How shall we develop the working power of the church, in the Sabbath school and in the prayer meeting. 2. Belief and action. Rev. Stephen Thurston gave a report of the meeting of the Evangelical Alliance in New York, and presented the claims of the Maine Miss'y Society. The ordinance of the Lord's supper administered, Revs. Edward F. Cutter, of Belfast, and Albert N. Jones, officiating.

THE TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING, held with the Elm st. ch., Camden, June 9, 10, 1874. Hon. N. T. Talbot, of Rockport, Moderator. Opening sermon, D. F. Stewart, (Licentiate) of Rockport. 2 Chron. 18:33.—The bow, shot at a venture. Tuesday evening, by Rev. James E. Hall, of Rockland, Matt. 25:40,—What is done for the weakest of Christ's disciples, for the lowest of men, is done for Christ himself. Conference sermon, Rev. Franklin P. Chapin, of Weymouth, Mass. (a former pastor at Camden)—Rom. 9:1-3—The Christian's deep feeling for the salvation of his fellow men. Wednesday evening, a discourse by Charles B. Ramsdell (Licentiate) of Winterport. Topics for remark—1. How can the churches secure the special influences of the Holy Spirit? 2. How can our churches become more efficient, 1st, in promoting vital piety within; 2d, in reaching the masses outside of our congregations? There was a decided feeling that to reach the masses, there should be more simplicity of style in the house of worship, and that the pews should be *free*. 3d topic. The Sabbath school cause; how to teach. 4. Temperance; what should be the attitude of the churches and the ministry toward this cause? The claims of the feeble churches were presented by Rev. Dr. Thurston, Sec'y of the Me. Miss'y Society, and of the American Missionary Association, by Rev. Chas L. Woodworth, Sec'y, of Boston. The Question Box sent up several interesting questions—answered profitably. Dinner was provided on each day, by the ladies, at the vestry parlors, affording a good opportunity for acquaintance and social intercourse. The Lord's Supper administered by Revs. Franklin P. Chapin, of Massachusetts, and Edward F. Cutter, of Belfast; Deacs. Buchanan, Baker, Hodgman, and Palmer, distributing the elements. A vote of thanks for the hospitality received, was passed—to which Rev. Ebenezer Bean, acting pastor of the church in Camden, responded.

WALDO CONFERENCE.—Continued.

Rev. JOHN ALEXANDER ROSS, installed pastor of First ch. Belfast, Sep. 4. 1873.—Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine, *Moderator of Council*:—Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Searsport, *Scribe*. Services 7½ P. M. Anthem, by choir; Reading the Scriptures, and Invocation, by the Scribe; Hymn; Sermon, by Rev. Wm. M. Barbour, Professor in Theo. Sem., Bangor; Installing Prayer, Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Searsport; Charge by Moderator; Right hand, Rev. Wellington R. Cross, of Orono; Address to People, was assigned to Dr. Pond, of Bangor:—(a storm prevented his attendance). Hymn; Prayer, Rev. H. G. Brown, of Metho. ch. Belfast; Benediction, by the pastor. Mr. Ross graduated from the Free ch. College, now merged in Dalhousie College, Nova Scotia, in 1851; from the Free church Divinity Hall, (Theo. Sem.) N. S. in 1854; resident at Andover, 1859; acting pastor, New Gloucester, 1860–'64, S. S. at Marion, Iowa, 1864–'66, and pastor, 1866–'73.

Rev. HARRISON ALLEN SHOREY, dismissed from Elm St., church, Camden, Sep. 1, 1873. Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Searsport, *Moderator of Council*; Rev. John A. Ross, of Belfast, *Scribe*. Ch. Mir. Sep. 16. Mr. S., pastor from Sep 4, 1869.—Installed pastor, Cong. ch., Spencer, Mass., Sep. 16, 1873. Sermon, by Rev. Wm. B, Wright, of Boston; Right hand, Rev. Wm. F. Obear, of New Castle.

Rev. EBENEZER BEAN, (Bowdoin, 1857, Bangor, 1861). Acting pastor, Elm St. ch. Camden, from Jan. 1, 1874. Called from Gray, where he has been laboring since Jan. 1, 1863.

Belfast.—A Parsonage is nearly ready for occupancy. Rev. Isaac Jones, a missionary in Belfast, 1823, 4, died in Derry, N. H., Nov. 4, 1873, æt 91. (See p. 37). *North Belfast.*—William T. Souther, son of the Rev. Samuel Souther, S. S., first pastor in N. B., 1847–'52;—elected Principal of the High School, Saundersville, Mass. *Camden.*—Rev. Franklin P. Chapin, pastor, 1857 to 1867, installed pastor of the First ch. Weymouth, Mass., Oct. 22, 1873. Sermon, Prof. W. S. Tyler; Right hand, Rev. S. H. Hayes, formerly of Winterport. *Freedom.*—Rev. Wm. H. Beard, S. S. from 1866–'69, supplying at South Killingly, Conn., July, 1873.—Dea. Benjamin Spaulding Perley, died Aug. 12, 1873, æt 73. He was converted at the age of 18, and became a member of the Baptist church; but 15 years before his death, he became a member of the Congregational ch. in Freedom, and at the same time was elected Deacon. *Jackson & Brooks.*—Rev. Abel G. Duncan, acting pastor, 1829 to '34, died in Hanover, Mass., Apr. 23, 1874. æt 72. (See p. 40.) *Sandy Point.*—Rev. Herbert R. Howes, S. S. 1872–'3, supplies at New Sharon. *Searsport.*—1st ch. The system of monthly collections by the envelope system, resulted favorably. The expenses of sustaining the gospel were paid, with an overplus. Benevolent contributions, double the amount they were the year previous.—The resignation of Dr. Thurston, as Secretary of Maine Missionary Soc., is in the hands of the President, to take effect as soon as a successor is appointed.—He has served honorably and faithfully for ten years.—Albert H. Thompson, *Lic.*, supplies the Congregational church in Enfield, N. H.

There has been religious interest in Camden, Brooks, Jackson, Rockland, and Rockport.

Sabbath School Convention in Jackson, Dec. 16, 1873.—Sabbath School Association of Dixmont, Plymouth, Jackson, and Unity, held their annual session, in Unity, June 16, 1874. Rev. A. N. Jones, of Jackson, *President*. Address, on "Formation," by Alfred H. Moment, of Freedom, and discussion of practical points in S. S. work.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Belfast, 1st ch., B. P. Field; Belfast, North, Joshua Towle, p. t.; Camden, A. D. Mansfield; Frankfort, Upton Treat; Freedom, R. Elder; Jackson and Brooks, Rev. Albert N. Jones, Jackson; Rockport, N. T. Talbot; Sandy Point, J. B. French; Searsport, 1st ch., Rev. J. E. Adams; Searsport, 2d ch., J. L. Park; Unity, Ephrahim Murch; Winterport. John Cambell.

Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Searsport, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.* Next meeting at Sandy Point, Oct. 13, 14, 1874.

WALDO ASSOCIATION, formed in Belfast, Nov. 10. 1830. Annual meeting in August. Assembles three times, in addition during the year. Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Searsport, *Scribe.*

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, 2d Tuesday & Wednesday in June.—Organized in Eastport, Feb. 18, 1829.—Semi-annual Meeting, Tuesday & Wednesday—full moon—in Oct.

CHURCHES.—1874, May 3.—MINISTERS. CHURCH MEM., May 3, 1874.—Admitted.—1873-4.—Removed. Baptized.

Place and Name.	*Organized.*	*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Inst. or S. S.*	*MA*	*P A*	*Mle*	*Fm*	*Tot*	*Abs*	*Prf*	*Let.*	*Tot*	*Dth*	*Dis*	*Ex.*	*Tot*	*Adl*	*Inf*	*S.Sc*	*Con.*
Alexander	1854, Nov. 7	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	$ 0
Calais	1825, Aug. 17	William Carruthers, s. s.	1857, June 16	1868, Sept. 1	17	....	49	160	209	0	4	4	8	3	1	0	4	0	0	160	250
Cherryfield	1833, Oct. 20	Charles G. Holyoke, s. s.	Licentiate.	1874, May.	.....	....	3	7	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Cooper	1826, Feb. 22	A. H. Adams, s. s.	Licentiate.	1873, June 29	..	....	5	9	14	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	50
Dennysville	1805, Oct. 27	Charles Whittier.	1860, Nov. 13	1860, Nov. 13	14	14	44	69	113	25	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	190	441
Eastport	1819, Feb. 7	C. K. Hoyt, s. s.	Licentiate.	1874, June 1	.....	....	18	72	90	22	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	0	60	40
Machias	1782, Sept 12	Thomas T. Merry.	1864, June 9	1872, July 31	10	2	53	149	202	0	17	4	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	280	352
Machias, East	1826, June 8	George W. Kelley, s. s.	1872, Dec. 28	1873, Aug. 17	2	....	34	85	119	33	0	1	1	5	0	0	5	0	0	150	163
Machiasport	1831, Jan. 25	Gilman Bacheller, s. s.	1831, June 15	.....	43	...	19	24	43	10	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	60	83
Marshfield	1871, Sept. 14	(1)H.H. Hutchinson, s. s.	1869, Aug. 31	1873, Dec. 1	.....	....	19	35	54	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	30
Northfield	1830, Sept. 15	(2)E. C. Sherburne, s. s.	Licentiate.	1874, June 5	...	....	7	17	24	5	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	50	30
Pembroke	1835, Sept. 30	Vacant.	.....	.....	.....	....	4	12	16	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Perry	1822, Oct. 7	Daniel Staver, s. s.	Licentiate.	1874, June 1	.....	....	12	34	46	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	50	6
Princeton	1858, Dec. 2	George Hindley, s. s.	Licentiate.	1874, June 5	.....	....	21	26	47	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	110	55
Robbinston	1811, Nov. 24	George H. Wilson, s. s.	Licentiate.	1874, June 5	.....	....	27	64	91	25	0	0	0	1	6	0	7	0	0	50	28
Milltown, N. B.	1846, Oct. 21	(3)Jona. G. Leavitt, s. s.	1870, June 27	1873, Apr. 13	4	....	28	94	122	20	21	1	22	1	0	0	1	0	0	170	500
Topsfield	1861, Nov. 6	(4)David L. Jones, s. s.	Licentiate.	1874, June 5	.....	....	10	21	31	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	26
Whiting	1833, Nov. 9	Wm. Veenschoten, s. s.	Licentiate.	1873, July 1	.....	....	6	21	27	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	48
Whitneyville	1836, Dec. 7	(5)H.H. Hutchinson, s. s.	1869, Aug. 31	1873, Dec. 1	5	....	22	34	56	10	1	1	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	100	27
Nineteen.		2 Pastors, 14 S. S.=16.	Av. Min'l &	Past'l Age.	14	8	382	935	1317	176	45	12	57	22	15	0	37	0	0	1650	2159

Average as stated supply, four years. (1)W. J. Leggett, *Lic.*, 3 mos. from July 1, 1873. (2)Zenas Crowell, *Lic.*, 3 mos. from July 1, 1873. (3)Closed labors July 5, 1874. John J. Blair, *Lic.*, supplies 3 mos. (4)Richard M. Burgess, *Lic.*, 3 mos. from July 1, 1873. (5)J. H. Van Neste, *Lic*, 3 mos. from July 1, 1873.

LICENTIATES.—Richard M. Burgess, 3 mos. from July 1, 1873; D. L. Jones, from June 5, 1874, *Jackson Brook*.—D. S. Holbrook, 3 mos. from July 1, 1873; M. B. Peck, 2 mos. from May 16, 1874, *Jonesport*.—J. A. Freeman, 3 mos. from July 1, 1873, and from May 16, 1874, *Steuben*.

The SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING was held in Calais, Oct. 8 and 9, 1873. Edw'd H. Balkam, Esq., *Moderator*. Opening Sermon, Rev. J. G. Leavitt, of Milltown, N. B. Closing sermon, by Rev. T. T. Merry, of Machias. Topics for discussion—1. The more scriptural observance of the Sabbath. 2. The claims of the Sabbath school upon the church. 3. Church and parish finances. A praise meeting was held in the evening of Oct. 8. Resolutions were passed commemorative of Dea. Wm. Todd, of Milltown. The Lord's Supper was administered.

FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING was held at Milltown, N. B., June 9 and 10, 1874. Dea. Peter E. Vose, of Dennysville, *Moderator*. Opening sermon, by Rev. Charles Whittier, of Dennysville, 1st Cor. 16:13. Closing sermon, Rev. Geo. W. Kelley, of East Machias—text, Psalms 76:11. Topics for discussion. 1. What activities are necessary to a higher Christian life? 2. The perils of the times to Christianity, and the demands of the times upon the churches. 3. What should be the Sabbath services in churches destitute of ministers? 4. The duty of the churches to children and youth. The prayer meetings and praise meeting, in connection with the Conference, were very fully attended and interesting. The Lord's Supper was administered—Rev. Wm. Carruthers, of Calais, and Rev. T. T. Merry, of Machias, officiating.

Resolutions presented by Rev. Wm. Carruthers at the meeting of the Conference at Calais, Oct. 9, 1873, and adopted by Conference:

Whereas—Since the last meeting of this Conference, our brother, Dea. Wm. Todd, of Milltown, has gone from us to receive from his Lord the crown of life.—

Resolved, That as a Conference, we express our thankfulness to God for the service which was rendered to our churches by this servant of Christ—for the example he left us of generous devotion to the religious interests of this county, and for the illustration he gave of the principle of a cheerful fidelity to the cause of Christ.

Resolved, That we extend to the family of our sainted brother, assurances of our sympathy with them in having lost his visible presence and companionship, and to the church which has thus been bereft of one who was so long an honored office bearer, and a strong pillar of support to its temporal and spiritual interests.

On Tuesday P. M. the Washington Co. Bible Society held its 52d annual meeting. Rev. Wm. Carruthers, of Calais, President. Mr. Wm. Allan, of Dennysville, has continued his exploration of the county.

There are belonging to this conference, 19 churches. Three churches, viz: Alexander, Cherryfield, and Pembroke have had no preaching during the year. Seven churches, viz: Calais, Dennysville, Machias, East Machias, Marshfield, Whitneyville, and Milltown, have permanent preachers, although only two, viz: Dennysville and Machias, have settled pastors.

There has been special religious interest in Milltown, and Jonesport. Twenty-two have already united with the church at Milltown. The converts at Jonesport have united with the church at Machias, as there is no church at Jonesport.

Dea. Wm. Todd, one of the original members of the Milltown church, died August 5, 1873, æt 70. He was a strong pillar in that church. Ob. Ch. Mir., Aug. 26.

The new Congregational meeting house in Calais was dedicated July 31, 1873. It is a large and beautiful house, accommodating 600 people; nearly all the pews are rented. Some special interest among the young was manifested during the winter. The church in Whitneyville, are to have their new meeting house ready for occupancy in the autumn.

The church in Robbinston has been destitute of preaching, and has suffered by deaths and removals.

The church in Machias is reported as a working church. All its meetings are well attended. There were signs of special interest in Machias and Whitneyville during the winter. The churches of this conference are widely separated from each other—yet the semi-annual meetings of conference are largely attended, and are meetings of great interest, and spiritual quickening. Our Sabbath Schools are well sustained.

CHARLES WHITTIER, *Scribe.*

DEDICATION.—The First Congregational Society in Calais, dedicated their new sanctuary July 31st, 1873. The following was the order of service:—

Doxology, by choir and congregation,—Praise God from whom all blessings flow, &c. Invocation, by Rev. Dr. Dexter, of Baldwinville, Mass.; Anthem, composed by Rev. George G. Phipps, of Wellesley, Mass.,—"My House of Prayer"; Reading of Scriptures, and prayer, by Rev. Dr. Carruthers, of Portland; Historical Statement, by Dr. C. G. Swan, Chairman of Building Committee; Hymn No. 1031,—Songs for the Sanctuary; Sermon, by Rev. William Carruthers, Text, Luke 7:5; Subject—The Design of the Sanctuary. The design twofold. 1. To develop and nourish the social element in worship. 2. To unfold and apply the Truth; Dedicatory Prayer, by Rev. S. H. Keeler, D. D., of Mt. Vernon, N. H.; Hymn. No. 1016,—Songs for the Sanctuary; Benediction, by Rev. Dr. Dexter. The house was built at a cost of $36,000, including organ, and furnishing. There is a debt of $7,000, which will probably be cancelled next year. This building is the property of the Parish, the principle of individual ownership having been discarded before the old church was left. The Society is in excellent financial condition, the receipts from pews having more than met the current expenses for the past year. The pews rent from $4 to $80.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Alexander, Dea. Isaac P. Crafts; Calais, A. L. Clapp; Cherryfield, J. A. Nickels; Cooper, Asaph Sawyer; Dennysville, Dea. Peter E. Vose; Eastport, Dea. G. A. Peabody; Machias, Mason H. Wilder; Machias, East, C. H. Seavey; Machiasport, J. F. Sanborne; Marshfield, Phineas Longfellow; Northfield, Geo. W. Smith; Pembroke, Cushing Wilder: Perry, Chas. S. Davis; Princeton, Dea. Leonard Peabody; Robbinston, Dea. Thomas Brewer; Milltown, N. B., S. H. Hitchings; Topsfield, Mrs. L. Crabtree; Whiting, Mrs. Cornelia A. Chase; Whitneyville, Dea. N. Bacheller.

Rev. Charles Whittier, of Dennysville, *Scribe of Conference;* Dea. Geo. A. Peabody, of Eastport, *Treasurer.*

YORK CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting, first Tuesday and Wednesday in June.—Organized in Buxton, Oct. 1, 1822.—Semi-annual Meeting, 1st Tuesday and Wednesday in October.

CHURCHES.—1874, May 3.		MINISTERS.			CHURCH MEM., May 3, 1874.							Admitted.—1873-4.				Removed.				Baptized.		
Place and Name.	*Organized.*	*Name.*	*Ordained.*	*Inst. or S. S.*	*MA*	*P A*	*Mle*	*Fm*	*Tot*	*Abs*	*Prf*	*Let*	*Tot*	*Dth*	*Dis*	*Ex*	*Tot*	*Adl*	*Inf.*	*S. Sc*	*Cont*
Acton	1781, Sept. 18	Wm. S. Thompson, s. s.	1860, Oct. 17	1869, Jan. 1	14	....	18	36	54	14	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	6	110	$32
Alfred	1791, Sept. 8	Joseph Kyte.	1832, Sept. 25	1871, Nov. 1	12	3	22	60	82	24	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	114	110
Biddeford, First	1730, Apr. 30	Henry B. Hart, s. s.	1869, Dec. 21	1873, June 1	5	....	20	42	62	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	50	27
Biddeford, Second	1805, Mar. 1	John D. Emerson.	1858, Oct. 1	1868, Mar. 5	16	6	79	215	294	0	26	6	32	4	1	0	5	18	11	300	480
Biddeford, Pavilion	1857, Oct. 20	Andrew J. Rogers.	1873, July 10	1873, July 10	1	1	44	146	190	30	49	1	50	2	3	0	5	43	0	150	100
Buxton, First	1763, Mar. 6	Solomon Bixby, s. s.	1853, June 30	1871, Dec. 20	21	....	26	72	98	17	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	0	0	40	36
Buxton Centre, North	1763, Mar. 6	Solomon Bixby, s. s.	1853, June 30	1874, Jan. 1	....	....	15	35	50	12	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0	2	40	5
Cornish Village	1840, Sept. 16	Albert Cole, s. s.	1847, Mar. 25	1858, July 4	27	....	20	43	63	16	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	60	72
Elliot	1721, June 22	Benj. T. Sanborn, s. s.	1844, Feb. 5	1870, July 1	10	....	17	51	68	4	2	0	2	2	1	2	5	2	0	70	30
Kennebunk, Union	1826, Aug. 15	Walter E. Darling.	1872, May 20	1873, Mar. 20	12	8	16	64	80	0	2	2	4	2	0	0	2	0	0	80	436
Kennebunkport, First	1730, Nov.	Charles H Gates, s. s.	1851, Sept.	1874, Feb. 4	23	....	17	40	57	12	11	1	12	1	0	0	1	10	0	60	45
Kennebunkport, South	1838, Jan. 10	Charles H. Gates, s. s.	1851, Sept.	1874, Feb. 4	....	....	13	34	47	2	3	1	4	1	0	0	1	3	0	65	50
Kittery, First	1714, Nov.	George W. Christie.	1873, Dec. 11	1873, Dec. 11	1	1	13	37	50	10	23	3	26	1	2	0	3	21	0	70	43
Lebanon	1765, June 26	(1)John Parsons.	1857, May 14	1869, Nov. 9	17	5	24	41	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	0
Limerick	1795, July 5	Thomas N. Lord, s. s.	1837, Aug. 10	1871, July 1	37	....	29	58	87	24	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	30	40
Limington	1789, Oct. 11	Reuben D. Osgood, s. s.	1871, Oct. 24	1873, Nov. 1	3	....	32	68	100	21	12	2	14	0	1	0	1	0	0	116	45
Lyman	1801, Dec. 2	Sam'l W. Pearson, s. s.	1870, Nov. 9	1873, Mar. 1	4	...	35	60	95	28	3	0	3	2	0	0	2	2	2	90	103
Newfield, West	1801, July 1	George S. Kemp, s. s.	1856, Feb. 28	1864, June 26	18	....	17	36	53	15	1	1	2	3	0	0	3	0	5	50	41
Parsonsfield	1795, Jan. 7	Vacant.	....	....	....	....	3	5	8	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Saco, First	1762, Oct. 13	Geo. P. Blanchard, s. s.	1860, May 15	1874, June 1	14	....	54	147	201	51	0	2	2	6	5	0	11	0	0	110	20
Sanford	1786, July 19	(2)Elias Chapman, s. s.	1845, Nov. 23	1871, Nov. 1	29	....	16	30	46	10	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	50	15
Sanford, South	1786, July 19	A. H. Thompson, s. s.	Licentiate.	‡ 1873, July 1	...	....	8	23	31	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	22	68
Shapleigh	1823, Oct. 23	Vacant.	....	....	....	....	2	6	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Berwick	1702, June 4	George Lewis.	1865, Dec. 13	1874, Jan. 15	9	....	30	89	119	25	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	660
Wells, First	1701, Oct, 29	Wm. H. Woodwell, s. s.	1873, June 12	1873, Apr. 1	1	....	37	92	129	27	2	0	2	1	3	0	4	2	0	120	100
Wells, Second	1831, Aug. 23	Benj. Southworth, s. s.	1858, Feb. 24	1870, Oct. 1	16	....	32	62	94	10	1	4	5	2	1	0	3	1	0	75	80
York, First	1672, Dec. 3	David B. Sewall, s. s.	1842, Jan. 19	1873, Dec. 3	32	....	18	69	87	22	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	75	137
York, Second	1732.	Joseph Freeman, s. s.	1844, Mar. 10	1869, Aug. 1	30	....	13	31	44	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	45	27
Twenty-eight.		7 Pastors, 17 S. S.—24.		Av. Min'l & Past'l Age.		15	4	670	1682	2352	395	136	25	161	45	23	4	72	102	23	2152	2741

(1)Charles N. Sinnott, Licentiate, at Lebanon Center, May, 1874. (2)Closed labors Feb. 20, 1874.—Resides at Boston Highlands, Mass.

‡ Average as stated supply, four years.

WITHOUT CHARGE.—Rev. Alvan Tobey, South Berwick, ordained in Durham, N. H., 1833, Nov. 20.—Rev. William V. Jordan, Saco, ordained 1836, Sept. 13.

YORK ASSOCIATION, organized in Arundel, (now Kennebunkport), Oct. 27, 1817; meets on the first Tuesday of February and May, and the last Tuesday in September; Rev. John D. Emerson, of Biddeford, *Scribe*. Met in Kennebunkport, South, Sept. 23, 1873; Kennebunkport, first ch., Feb. 3, 1874; Biddeford, with Rev. A. J. Rogers May 5.

The ministers in South Berwick, Elliot, York and Kittery are connected with the PISCATAQUA ASSOCIATION, formed in Kittery, Oct. 24, 1871. Annual meeting, third Tuesday in April; other meetings on the third Tuesday of July, October and January. Rev. Josiah H. Stearns, of Epping, N. H., *Scribe*. Met in Elliot, Oct. 22, 1873, Rev. A. B. Peabody, of Strathan, N. H., Preacher; in North Hampton, N. H., Feb. 17, 1874; in Great Falls, N. H., May 19, Rev. John W. Lees, of Lee, N. H., preacher; in Hampton, N. H., July 21, Rev. G. B. Spaulding, of Dover, preacher.

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YORK CONFERENCE.—Continued.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING, held with the First ch. in Kennebunkport, Oct. 14, 15, 1873. Sermon by Rev. A. J. Rogers, of 3d ch. Biddeford,—Text, 1 Tim. 4:8, "Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is," &c,—Sermon before Communion,—Rev. Benj. Southworth, of Wells. At the Communion, Revs. Joseph Freeman, and Geo. S. Kemp. Topics discussed.—What is it to be a Christian? Why should all persons become Christians? How may a person become a Christian? Who may become Christians? How may a person know that he is a Christian? How early in life should a person become a Christian? Work and importance of the Sabbath. Who should engage in it? What are some of the fruits of faithful Sabbath School work? Why are revivals of religion no more frequent in our churches? Can any thing be done to increase their frequency?

The FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING, held with the Second ch., Wells, June 2, 3, 1874. Rev. John D. Emerson, of Biddeford, *Moderator*.—Opening Sermon, Rev. Wm. H. Woodwell, of 1st ch., Wells. Theme,—Examination of arguments for immortality, drawn from Natural Theology. Conference Sermon, Rev. Thomas N. Lord, of Limerick. Sec'y C. L. Woodworth, of Boston, in behalf of the American Missionary Association, addressed the Conference; Seamen's cause, presented by Rev. F. Southworth, of Portland; Pastoral address, Rev. Reuben D. Osgood, of Kennebunkport, South, Matt. 4:19. Topics for remark:—1. What is the work of the religion of Christ, in the hearts of men? 2. What is a revival of religion? 3. The science of a revival. 4. Means within the church, to promote a revival. 5. Special means outside of the church. 6. Special work of women, in revivals. The evening of Tuesday, was devoted to revival incidents, occurring in Kittery Point, Limington, Kennebunkport, Biddeford, Limerick, and Saco. The anniversary of York County Bible Society, was observed. In the administration of the Lord's Supper, Revs. David B. Sewall, of First ch. York, and Albert Cole, of Cornish, officiated. Twenty-six out of the twenty-eight churches were represented at this session of Conference: one of the largest, most interesting and spiritual, of any heretofore held.

Rev. WILLIAM HASKELL WOODWELL, (Bowdoin, 1869, Andover, 1872) ordained to the work of the ministry in First ch., Wells, June 12, 1873, (See Minutes 1873, p. 57.)

Rev. ANDREW J. ROGERS, (Brown, 1867, Andover, 1870.) Ordained pastor of the Pavilion ch., Biddeford, July 10, 1873. (See Minutes 1873, p. 57.)

GEORGE WALKER CHRISTIE, ordained pastor of the First Congregational ch., Kittery, Dec. 11, 1873. Rev. Franklin Davis, of Newington, N. H., *Moderator of Council*; Rev. Carlos Martyn, of Portsmouth, N. H., *Scribe*. Services,—Anthem by choir,—"Praise ye the Lord"; Invocation, Rev. T. W. Towne, of Kittery; Reading of the Scriptures, Rev. David B. Sewall, of York; Hymn, 317. from S. H. and Tune Book, "In the Cross of Christ I glory;" Sermon, Rev. Egbert C. Smyth, of Andover Seminary, John 15:16, "I have chosen you," &c.; Hymn 1031, "On the mountain top appearing;" Ordaining Prayer, Rev. Stephen Thurston, of Searsport; Charge, Rev. Edward Robie, of Greenland, N. H.; Right hand, Rev. D. F. Chandler, of Hampton, N. H.; Address to People, by Scribe; Prayer, by Moderator; Hymn, 1064, "We bid thee welcome"; Benediction by pastor. (Mr. C., is a native of Scotland, Grad. Beloit Col. Wis. 1870. Gale and Andover Sem., 1871-3.)

Rev. REUBEN DODGE OSGOOD, (Bangor Sem. 1869,) S. S. at Limington, from Nov. 1, 1873. Mr. O., was S. S. at Kennebunkport, South, from Jan. 1, 1872, to Oct. 25, 1873.

Rev. DAVID BRAINERD SEWALL, (Bowdoin 1836, Bangor, 1841,) commenced labors with First ch. York, Dec. 3, 1873. Mr. S., was pastor in Fryeburg, from Dec. 8, 1859, to Apr. 30, 1873; at Robbinston 1842 to 1859.

Rev. BENJAMIN W. POND, pastor 1st ch. York; from Sept. 28, 1870. Went to Washington in 1873, and is connected with the Patent Office.

Rev. GEORGE LEWIS, (Bowdoin, Bangor, 1865,) installed pastor of church in South Berwick, Jan. 15, 1874. Rev. William Warren, of Gorham, *Moderator of Council*. Rev. Stephen W. Webb, of Great Falls, N. H., *Scribe*. Services.—Introductory, Rev. Benjamin W. Sanborn, of Elliot; Sermon, by Moderator, Rom. 4:25; Installing Prayer, Rev. Alvan Tobey, of South Berwick; Charge, Rev. David B. Sewall, of 1st ch., York; Right hand, by Scribe; Address to People, Rev. Joseph Freeman, of 2d ch., York; Prayer, Rev. Joseph Kyte, of Alfred; Benediction by pastor.

Rev. CHARLES HENRY GATES, (Amherst, 1847, Andover, 1850,) S. S. of First and South chs., Kennebunkport, from Feb. 1, 1874. Mr. G., was S. S. in Buxton, Aug. 1, 1868, to Oct. 1, 1871. Sabbath A. M. in South ch.; P. M. in North ch.

YORK CONFERENCE.—Continued.

Rev. GEORGE PETTY BLANCHARD, (Hillsdale Coll. and Sem.), commenced labors with First ch., Saco, June 1, 1874. Mr. B. was acting pastor in Provincetown, Mass., from 1873.

Rev. JOHN PARSONS, laboring in Lebanon, from Nov. 9, 1869, closed his labors there in Dec. 1873.

Rev. WILLIAM ALLEN MERRILL, S. S. in 1st ch. Kennebunkport, from April 1, 1871, commenced labors in Andover, Oxford Conference, March 21, 1874.

Alfred.—During a season of religious interest, union meetings of this church, with the Methodist and Baptist churches were held. Rev. C. Munger, and his church (Metho.,) united with this church in the observance of the Lord's Supper. The baptism of the pastor's child by Mr. Munger, was an interesting feature of the occasion. *Biddeford.*—Rev. Ludwig Wolfson, S. S. in 1st ch., 1870-1, ordained in Markesan, Wis., Oct. 14, 1873. He will supply also every alternate Sabbath, P. M., at Green Lake, Wis.—Rev. John D. Emerson, of the 2d ch., had a reception, at the renovated parsonage, Oct. 2, '73. *Buxton.*-Rev. S. S. Drake, S. S. 1872-3, called to Sullivan, N. H. Sept., 1873. The church edifice at Buxton Center, repaired and painted—expense, $7,000. The history of the Centennial celebration of the town, Aug. 14, 1872, referred to in Minutes 1873, p. 57, is published. It contains 250 pps. and includes the Historical discourse, by Cyrus Woodman, of Cambridge; Poem, by Chas. G. Came, of Boston, with a genealogical sketch, and proceedings of the day. *Cornish.*—Funds have been provided by ladies and others, for the purchase of blinds for the meeting house, which has recently been re-modeled, under the supervision of the pastor. An organ has been procured. *Kennebunk.*—Rev. Beriah Green, pastor, 1829-30, died in Whitesboro', N. Y., May 4, 1874, æt 80. (See p. 40.) Mrs. Mary, relict of Wm. Parsons, Apr. 17, 1874, æt 81. Notice by A. W. F., in Mirror. *Kennebunkport.*—Union meetings held with the other Evangelical churches, from the week of prayer,—much religious interest. *Kittery.*—Rev. Thomas L. Ellis, S. S. 1863-1868, died in Paxton, Mass., Nov. 11, 1873, æt 48. (See p. 37.) The Social Circle, organized in the winter, and the reading-room established in the church edifice, are exerting a good influence socially, morally and intellectually. *Lebanon.*—Rev. John Parsons, has been greatly afflicted in the death of three children, between Aug. 15, and Sept. 6, 1873. Age 2, 5, and 15 years.—Rev. Wm. A. Fobes, pastor 1859-60, called from Halifax, Mass., to Chesterfield, Mass. *Limington.*—Miss Harriet N., daughter of Dea. William Small, died Dec. 1873. *Newfield.*—Parsonage at West Newfield refitted. *Saco.*—Rev. Benson M. Frink, pastor, 1870 to 1873, installed pastor, Washington St. ch., Beverly, Mass., Oct. 1, 1873. Sermon preached by Rev. Dr. Carruthers, of Portland, Phil. 3:7, 8. *South Berwick.*—Rev. Silvanus Hayward, pastor, 1866 to 1873, was for a time afterward at Gilsum, N. H., and subsequently appointed Professor in Fiske University, Nashville, Tenn.—Dea. John Plummer, died Sept. 25, 1873, æt 74. Ch. Mir. Ob. Oct. 7. *Wells 1st Church.*—Rev. William Clark, pastor, 1829 to 1837, has resigned the Secretaryship of N. H. Mis. Soc., which he has held for several years.—Rev. Samuel Bowker, acting pastor. 1867 to '70, dismissed from his charge at Raymond, N. H., Apr. 22, 1873. Five former pastors united in a service in this church, Aug. 10, 1873. *Wells 2d Church.*—Rev. Chas. S. Adams, pastor, 1831 to 1834, also pastor in Newfield, and Parsonsfield, 1828 to 1831, died in Hillsdale, Mich., July 29, 1873, æt 76. (See p. 36.). *York 1st Church.*—Rev. John Smith, pastor, 1850-55, died in Stanford, Conn., Feb'y 20, 1874, æt 77. (See p. 39.)

South-west Sabbath School Convention, of York Co., in Elliot, Nov. 4, 5, 1873. York Co., S. S. Convention, in Biddeford, May 24, 1874.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Acton, Rev. Wm. S. Thompson; Alfred, Thomas Rogers; Biddeford, 1st ch., John R. Staples; Biddeford, 2d ch., Dr. Thomas Haley; Biddeford, Pavilion ch., John H. Small; Buxton, Geo. G. Davis; Buxton Center, Osman K. Cobb; Cornish, Rev. A. Cole; Elliot, Rev. Benj. T. Sanborn; Kennebunk, Union, Rev. Walter E. Darling; Kennebunkport, Woodbury Smith; Kennebunkport, South, J. L. Cole; Kittery Point, Charles Duncan: Lebanon, Dea. John E. Moody, Lebanon Center; Limerick, Rev. Thomas N. Lord; Limington, Leonard J. Strout; Lyman, Dymon Roberts; Newfield, West, Rev. George S. Kemp; Parsonsfield, H. G. O. Smith, South Parsonsfield; Saco, Dominicus Jordan; Sanford, Wm. L. Emery; Sanford, South, Jeremiah L. Moulton; Shapleigh, James Coffin, *Treasurer;* South Berwick, Rev. Geo. Lewis; Wells, 1st ch., John W. Hubbard; Wells 2d ch., J. Goodwin; York, 1st ch., Rev. David B. Sewall; York, 2d ch., Rev. Joseph Freeman.

Rev. Andrew J. Rogers, of Biddeford, *Scribe and Treasurer of Conference.* Next semi-annual meeting, at Sanford Corner, Oct. 13, 14, 1874.

UNION CONFERENCE.—Continued

Lorell.—Rev. Edward F. Abbot, S. S. from July1, 187 and returned to Mass. *Waterford.*—The senior pastor severe sickness in the autumn, was present at the sacra bath in November, and made an interesting address.—I a teacher in Mt. Holyoke Seminary, Mass., goes to S Preparatory school for the "Huguenot School," at Welli Africa. *North Waterford.*—Rev. Wellington Newell, East Charlemont, Mass., Sept. 3, 1873. Measures are supply.—Mrs. Sarah W., wife of Dea. Jacob H. Green

CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES.—Albany, Dea. J. H. Cleaves; Bridgton North, Oliver Barnard; Bridgton Brownfield, Cyrus Wentworth; Casco, Joseph Moors; Fryeburg, George F. Barrows; Harrison, Howard Samp Lovell, Joseph T. Stearns; Naples, Dea. Wm. Chute; C Otisfield; Stow and Chatham, Mrs. W. D. Jewell, Chath Saunders; Waterford Rev. John A. Douglass; Waterf Rev. Nehemiah Lincoln, of North Bridgton. *Scribe* Next meeting in North Bridgton, Oct. 27, 28, 1874.

UNION ASSOCIATION, formed in South Bridgton, Ja day in March and September, and second Thursday i Smith, of Waterford, *Scribe.* Met in Waterford, Marc by Rev. A. J. Smith, Matt. 13:8; Essay on the founder Perry; Exegesis—Parable of the laborers; Discussion o in public, by Rev. John T. Rea. The ministry connec one exception (Rev. John A. Douglass, of Waterford), years. The clergymen of Bridgton and vicinity sustain f

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DELEGATES TO THE NATIONA

NEW HAVEN, CONN., SEP. 30, 187

GENERAL CONFERENCE.—Rev. Ezra H. Byington, of ley, L. L. D., of Lewiston; Hon. Joseph Titcomb, o William F. Obear, of New Castle; Rev. John O. Fis Gould, of Portland, *Substitutes.*

AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE.—Rev. William T. Sleepe H. Crosby, of Lincoln, *Substitute.*

CUMBERLAND.—Rev. Jacob J. Abbott, of Yarmouth Freeport; J. L. H. Cobb, of Lewiston; Dea. Charles A Rev. Leonard Z. Ferris, of Gorham; Rev. Luther Wi Burgess, of Portland; Hon. George W. Hammond, of

FRANKLIN.—Rev. Joseph S. Cogswell, of Strong.

HANCOCK.—Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine.

KENNEBEC.—Rev. Charles G. McCully, of Hallowell, tis, of Richmond, *Substitute.*

LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC.—Rev. James E. Hall, McLeod, of Waldoboro' *Primaries;* Rev. William Har of Bath, *Substitutes.*

OXFORD.—Rev. John B. Wheelwright, of South Par

PENOBSCOT.—Rev. Professor Levi L. Paine, and Dea. *Primaries;* Rev. Solomon P. Fay, and Hon. John B. F

PISCATAQUIS.—Rev. Peter B. Thayer, of Garland, *P* of Brownville, *Substitute.*

SOMERSET.—Rev. George W. Hathaway, of Skowhe Mitchell, of Madison, *Substitute.*

UNION.—Rev. Andrew J. Smith, of Waterford; G *Primaries;* Rev. John W. Brownville, of South Brid *Substitutes.*

WALDO.—Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Searsport.

WASHINGTON.—Rev. William Carruthers, of Calais; ville, *Primaries;* Rev. Thomas T. Merry, of Mach Princeton, *Substitutes.*

YORK.—Rev. Charles H. Gates, of Kennebunkport; deford; W. G. Lord, of Kennebunk.

SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 8, 1874.

General Conference organized in Portland, January 10, 1826.

COUNTY CONFERENCES AND DATE OF ORGANIZATION.	No. of Churches in Conference.	Pastors.	Stated Supplies.	Licentiates.	Tot. Past., S. S. and Licentiates.	Av. Minist'l age.	Av. Pastoral age.	Av. age S. Sup.	MEMBERS, MAY 3, 1874. Male.	Female.	Total.	Absent.	ADMITTED. Profession.	Letter.	Total.	REMOVED. Deaths.	Dismission.	Excluded.	Total.	BAPTISMS. Adults.	Infants.	Total.	Number in Sabbath Schools.	Contributions in the Churches.
Aroostook.....1846	13	9	3	8	5	14	9	3	118	241	359	60	18	7	25	5	9	0	14	11	0	11	673	$300
Cumberland.....1822	41	15	17	5	34	16	7	4	1,384	3,415	4,799	934	123	82	205	111	114	8	233	61	42	103	5,053	16,449
Franklin.....1839	10	2	6	3	8	23	3	5	252	448	700	172	11	7	18	11	7	0	18	6	10	16	823	783
Hancock.....1825	13	3	8	5	8	16	8	5	270	669	939	160	22	12	34	21	7	0	28	15	7	22	1,284	1,860
Kennebec.....1823	14	3	7	2	9	18	6	6	335	946	1,281	277	67	15	82	22	21	3	46	55	7	62	1,242	2,811
Lincoln and Sagadahoc.....1825	22	7	10	2	14	17	9	3	528	1,521	2,049	363	56	8	64	46	32	0	78	34	21	55	1,877	3,836
Oxford.....1218	15	2	11	5	15	21	15	5	267	628	895	190	14	6	20	18	13	1	32	2	4	6	952	630
Penobscot.....1825	16	5	4	3	9	17	5	1	483	1,158	1,641	391	48	20	68	25	28	0	53	37	12	49	1,853	4,214
Piscataquis.....1842	9	3	4	2	8	15	11	3	245	441	686	35	19	20	39	10	18	0	28	11	5	16	687	630
Somerset.....1824	12	1	8	5	12	28	16	6	194	392	586	150	17	8	25	10	19	0	29	11	5	16	977	668
Union.....1836	17	4	9	4	9	13	12	2	377	736	1,113	261	35	8	43	28	28	0	56	23	4	27	1,239	928
Waldo.....1848	12	3	8	5	13	12	4	1	211	551	762	169	30	7	37	15	6	0	21	24	3	27	895	1,439
Washington.....1829	19	2	14	12	18	14	8	4	382	935	1,317	176	45	12	57	22	15	0	37	0	0	0	650	2,159
York.....1822	28	7	17	2	25	15	4	4	670	1,692	2,362	395	136	25	161	45	23	4	72	102	23	125	2,152	2,741
	241	59	126	63	187	16	8	5	5,716	13,773	19,489	3,633	641	237	878	389	340	16	745	392	143	535	20,327	$39,457

Number of churches, two hundred and forty-one—one less than last year. The church of Abbot and Guilford, organized 1841, Feb. 2, not having been returned by Scribe of Piscataquis Conference. Ordained ministers, including thirty-seven without pastoral charge, one hundred and seventy-seven. Licentiates, sixty-three. Pastors dismissed, six. Pastors installed, eight. Pastors ordained, six. Evangelists ordained, four. Ministers deceased, three; ministers formerly residing in the State, deceased, sixteen.

Average ministerial age of all ordained ministers in the State, eighteen years; of the thirty-seven who have no pastoral charge, twenty-five years. Of the 177 ordained ministers in the State, four have been from 53 to 59 years in the ministry,—average, 56 years; fifteen, from 41 to 48 years,—average, 43 years; nineteen, from 31 to 38 years,—average, 35 years; twenty-nine, from 21 to 30 years,—average, 25 years; forty-eight, from 11 to 20 years,—average, 16 years; and sixty-two from one to ten years,—average, 4½ years. Average time of settlement of fifty-nine over the churches of which they are now pastors, eight years. Average time of settlement of one hundred and twenty-six stated supplies, three years; sixty-four of these are ordained ministers—average time of whose service to these churches, is five years. Average time to each Conference may be seen in the above table.

The number received by profession and letter, 878. Removed by death, dismission, and exclusion, 745. Additions above removals, 133. Baptisms, 535; increase over last year, 157; Contributions, $39,457.—increase from last year, $988;—including legacies, $42,000. Total membership, 19,489. Non-residents, 3,633.—decrease from last year, 233. Number in Sabbath schools, 20,327.—decrease from last year, 1516.

Increase of total membership from last year, 133,—which corresponds exactly with the number of additions above removals, during the past year,—showing great care on the part of the Church and County Conference Scribes, in making up their returns. Increase in six Conferences, viz: Aroostook, 13; Cumberland, 12; Kennebec, 30; Lincoln and Sagadahoc, 20; Washington, 45; York, 114. Total, 234. Decrease in seven Conferences, viz:—Hancock, 14; Oxford, 16; Penobscot, 47; Piscataquis, 3; Somerset, 6; Union, 1; Waldo, 14. Total, 101. Franklin has the same number as last year;

Of the contributions, $12,000 was for Home Missions; $500, Am. Home Miss. Soc.; $14,000 for Foreign Missions,—of which $650 for Mission Schools, $1,700 for Woman's Board; $600 for Mexico, Europe, &c.; $3,500 for American Missionary Association; $1,000 Am. Bible Society; $700 Am. Education Society; $600 Am. Tract Society; $600 Seamen; $200 Am. Colonization Society.

MINISTERS INSTALLED AS PASTORS DURING THE YEAR ENDING MAY 8, 1874.

J. Evarts Pond	Hampden	June 10,	1873	Minutes, 1873, p. 55
Andrew J. Rogers	Biddeford, Pavilion ch	July 10,	1873	Minutes, 1873, p. 57
John A. Ross	Belfast	Sept. 4,	1873	Minutes, 1874, p. 69
Andrew J. Smith	Waterford, (colleague)	Sept. 11,	1873	Minutes, 1874, p. 66
John P. Evans	Cape Elizabeth, Ligonia ch	Sept. 21,	1873	Minutes, 1874, p. 45
Wellington R. Cross	Orono	Oct. 21,	1873	Minutes, 1874, p. 60
George Lewis	South Berwick	Jan. 15,	1874	Minutes, 1874, p. 73
George S. Dickerman	Lewiston, Pine st. ch	Mar. 12,	1874	Minutes, 1874, p. 46

MINISTERS ORDAINED—YEAR ENDING MAY 8, 1874.

Burke Fay Leavitt	Portland, Williston church	May 7,	1873	Minutes, 1873, p. 34
William H. Woodwell	Evangelist, Wells, 1st church	June 12,	1873	Minutes, 1873, p. 57
Truman S. Perry	Evangelist, Sweden	June 18,	1873	Minutes, 1873, p. 58
John T. Rea	Evangelist, Bridgton	Aug. 8,	1873	Minutes, 1874, p. 65
Anson P. Tinker	Auburn, High st. church	Oct. 16,	1873	Minutes, 1874, p. 46
Charles Davison	Evangelist, Greenville	Oct. 22,	1873	Minutes, 1874, p. 68
George W. Christie	Kittery	Dec. 11,	1873	Minutes, 1874, p. 73
John W. Brownville	South Bridgton	Dec. 18,	1873	Minutes, 1874, p. 66
Arthur H. Tebbetts	Evangelist, Bluehill	Jan. 1,	1874	Minutes, 1874, p. 52
Charles F. Dole	Portland, Plymouth church	Apr. 22,	1874	Minutes, 1874, p. 46

PASTORS DISMISSED—YEAR ENDING MAY 8, 1874.

Benson M. Frink	Saco	July 13,	1873	Minutes, 1873, p. 57
Wellington R. Cross	New Gloucester	July 22,	1873	Minutes, 1874, p. 46
H. Allen Shorey	Camden, Elm st. church	Sept. 1,	1873	Minutes, 1874, p. 68
Moseley H. Williams	Portland, Plymouth church	Nov. 24,	1873	Minutes, 1874, p. 46
John W. H. Baker	Brewer, First church	Feb. 16,	1874	Minutes, 1874, p. 61
Gilbert B. Richardson	Cumberland	Apr. 22,	1874	Minutes, 1874, p. 47

MINISTERS RESIGNED, OR ASKED DISMISSION—JULY, 1873, TO JULY, 1874.

Sewall Tenney	Ellsworth	July,	1873	Minutes, p. 52
Benjamin W. Pond	York, First church	July,	1873	Minutes, p. 73
George J. Pierce	Portland, West church	September,	1873	Minutes, p. 46
Horace Toothaker	Deering, Woodford's Corner	September,	1873	Minutes, p. 46
Daniel W. Hardy	Presque Isle	October,	1873	Minutes, p. 43
Reuben D. Osgood	Kennebunkport, South	October,	1873	Minutes, p. 72
Leavitt Bartlett	Yarmouth, First church	November,	1873	Minutes, p. 47
Henry H. Hutchinson	West Brooksville	November,	1873	Minutes, p. 52
Ebenezer Bean	Gray	December,	1873	Minutes, p. 46
John Parsons	Lebanon	December,	1873	Minutes, p. 73
Edward P. Eastman	Wilton	January,	1874	Minutes, p. 51
William A. Merrill	Kennebunkport, First church	January,	1874	Minutes, p. 73
Joseph Loring	Edgecomb	April,	1874	Minutes, p. 66
Newman Smyth	Bangor, First church	April,	1874	Minutes, p. 61
James Cameron	Waterville	May,	1874	Minutes, p. 55
Charles E. Harrington	Brewer Village	May,	1874	Minutes, p. 61
William S. Spaulding	Bristol	May,	1874	Minutes, p. 56
Amos Redlon	Kenduskeag	June,	1874	Minutes, p. 61
Jonathan G. Leavitt	St. Stephen, N. B	July,	1874	Minutes, p. 69

ORDAINED MINISTERS WHO HAVE BEEN ACTING PASTORS FOR TEN OR MORE YEARS.

Revs. Simeon Hackett, in Temple, and Thomas G. Mitchell, in Madison, each twenty-three years; Gilman Bachelder, Machiasport, twenty-two years; John Elliot, in Rumford, seventeen years; Albert Cole, Cornish, sixteen years; John C. Adams, in Falmouth, fifteen years; John Dinsmore, in Winslow, twelve years; George S. Kemp, in West Newfield, and William S. Sewall, in St. Albans, each ten years. Rev. Josiah T. Hawes has been in Litchfield, nine years.

LICENTIATES,

With their field of labor, and reference to the page of the Conference in which they were located.

A. H. Adams.....Cooper....69
Ezra Andrews.....Burlington ...42
Robert C. Bedford.....Dixfield....58
Geo. W. Benjamin.....Mt. Desert....52
W. F. Bickford....Island Falls & Patten....42
John J. Blair.....Milltown....69
Frank L. Bristol.....Phipsburg....56
Edmund J. Burgess.....Isle au Haut....52
Richard M. Burgess....Warren, 2d ch., Topsfield & Jackson Brook.56.69
Albert Bushnell.....South Sandford....73
S. R. Butler.....Washington....66
H. P. Craig.....Bingham....63
James H. Crosby.....Lincoln....42
G. A. Curtis.....East Madison....63
Zenas Crowell....Olamon & Northfield....69
Jonathan Edwards.....Medway....42
H.W. Eldridge..Sedgw'k & Brooksville....52
Frederic E. Emerick...Mechanic Falls ...44
F. E. Emerick.....Turner....58
John G. Evans.....Medway....42
Lewis D. Evans.....Bristol....56
Arthur G. Fitz....Weld & North Belfast.50.67
Charles E. Fitz .....Stow & Chatham....65
John K. Fowler.....Rockport....67
Joseph A. Freeman.....Steuben....69
B. F. Grant.....Greenville....62
Daniel W. Hardy.....Presque Isle....42
Chas. E. Harrington....Brewer Village....60
John Hemmenway.....Brighton....63
James W. Hill.....Andover....58
George Hindley..Bremen & Princeton.56.69
D. S. Holbrook.....Jonesport....69
Charles G. Holyoke.....Cherryfield ...69
C. N. Hoyt.....Eastport....69
D. L. Jones..Topsfield & JacksonBrook....69
Lucius O. Lee.....Pittston ...54
William J. Leggett.....Marshfield....69
Herbert A. Loring.Kingman & Otisfield.42.65
Benj. B. Merrill.E.Orrington & Stockton.60.67
Alfred McGowen.....Kingman....42
John N. McLoney.....West Trenton....52
Alfred H. Moment.....Freedom....67
Nath'l S. Moore.....2d ch. Norway....58
Fred. W. Newcomb.....West Trenton....52
Charles W. Nile.....Monmouth....54
William Peacock.....Carroll, Springfield and Washington.42.56
M. R. Peck.....Jonesport....69
Howard W. Pope.....1st ch. Norway....58
Charles B. Ramsdell.....Winterport....67
Lauriston Reynolds..Industry, Anson, N. New Portland and N. Vineyard.50.63
Thomas H. Rich (resident)...Lewiston....45
S. H. Robinson.....Standish ...47
E. C. Sherburne.....Northfield....69
C. N. Sinnott. Bailey's Island & Lebanon.47.71
John E. Smith.....Albany....65
Richard S. Snell.....Frankfort....67
Richard S. Stanley(resident). Lewiston....45
Daniel Stavers.....Perry....69
David F. Stewart.....Rockport....67
Albert H. Thompson...South Sandford....71
L. B. Tuckerman.....Moose River ...63
J. C. Whitcomb.....Kingman....42
Nathan H. Whittlesey.....Brownfield....65
David L. Williams(Welsh). Brownville....62
George H. Wilson.....Robbinston....69
George W. Winch.....Canaan....63
Chas. B. Woodcock..Olaman & Brewer V....42
J. K. Wyckoff..New Viney'd & E. Strong....50
John H. Vanneste.....Whitneyville....69
William Veenschoten.....Whiting....69

Twenty-nine of the above are from the Bangor Theological Seminary; others from Union, Yale, Princeton, Andover, Hartford, add New Brunswick.

BIBLE SOCIETIES IN MAINE.

BIBLE SOCIETIES.	PLACE OF DEPOSITORY.	BY WHOM KEPT.
Androscoggin County	Lewiston	Douglass & Cook.
Aroostook County	Houlton	John McMasters.
Bangor Young Men's	Bangor	E. F. Duren.
Brunswick	Brunswick	Jordan Snow.
Bucksport, union	Bucksport	Edward Swasey.
Castine, &c., union	Castine	Samuel Adams.
Cumberland County	Portland	Bailey & Noyes.
Deer Isle	Deer Isle	H. R. Haskell.
Eastern Maine Association	Bluehill	Mrs. Thomas.
Franklin County	Farmington	Charles A. Allen.
Hancock and Union River	Ellsworth	J. W. Jones.
Kennebec County	Augusta	David Cargill.
Lincoln County	Bath	Henry A. Chandler.
Lincoln County	Boothbay	D. W. Sawyer.
Mt. Desert	South West Harbor	Mrs. N. C. Clark.
Oxford Conference	South Paris	H. N. Bolster.
Piscataquis County	Dover	M. W. Hall.
Saco	Saco	C. O. Gerrish.
Somerset County	Skowhegan	A. R. Bixby.
Union Conference	Bridgton	B. C. Storer.
Waldo County	Belfast	H. G. Washburn.
Warren	Warren	I. P. Starrett.
Washington County	Dennysville	Wm. Allen.
York County	Alfred	William G. Conant.

William H. Gilbert, Superintendent for A. B. S., in New England. P. O. Address, New Haven, Conn.

ABSTRACT OF A PAPER ON OUR SABBATH SCHOOLS AND THEIR NEEDS.

BY REV. G. N. MARDEN.

The Word of God being the grand instrumentality, as well as the declared rul of faith and practice of our churches, we are to seek the best methods of bringin it into contact with the human spirit.

In view of the destructive criticism of the age, the bold disparagement of th authority of the Bible, the secularization of popular education, the intense materi alism, the corruption and reckless unfaithfulness, the importation of raw ignoranc and her brood, of blank infidelity and paganism, it is high time for Christia churches to *bring Biblical instruction to the front.*

Scripture exposition from the pulpit is rarely heard. Most that is done in thi line, is done in the Sabbath School, which, though a rising institution, and des tined, doubtless, to a development which will treble its power, does not fill th place that needs to be filled. It does a specific missionary work where no churc is, but for our organized churches, with their stated congregations, it is, in it present form, inadequate. It is crippled by hurtful theories and defective meth ods. Bearing the divine seal, both in its essential nature and its fruits, it is onl half-recognized—is looked upon by many as the children's affair (a most mischiev ous theory, that cuts both ways—for it suggests that the preaching service is a affair for adults!) is held usually at the dinner hour, hustled between two services with no time for such closing exercises as the lesson or the spiritual condition o those present might suggest, and, most radical defect of all, it practically exclude the ministry. The leadership in Biblical instruction has, to a great extent, silentl passed into the hands of laymen. *The* man whom, of all men, we should naturall expect to see (not lording it over, but) leading his fellow-workers, is *not there* Thus the man who is set apart to the ministry, loses what he cannot afford to lose and what the intelligent people in our churches want him to have,—the mora leading of all his people, old and young, in Biblical study and instruction. Thus too, the Sabbath School suffers in quality, and is narrowed in results.

We read that in the Great Reformation, it was not so much pulpit eloquence a the Bible socially studied, that shook the Papal throne. Ever since Apostle preached at Berea, preaching has been attended with best results, where the hear ers have searched the Scriptures. If ministers lead in Biblical instruction, the will have a better following, when they stand up to preach the more formal dis course. But present usages exclude the ministry from this leadership. Mean while, many self-denying Christians are finding the day of rest *the* laborious day It is no more the Sabbath of Dr. Emmons' day, when, with accompanying devo tional exercises, two sermons, or very often one discourse in two parts, constitute

in many parishes the only public services of the Lord's day, if not of the whole week.

Since, under its present limitations, the Sabbath School is inadequate for our churches and congregations, it should be *developed*. Dignify it. Change the name—a misnomer. Call it the Bible Service, if you will. Let the church and pastor be responsible for it. Get the religious influence and trained talent of the church into it, and let the ministry go in, and head and develop, and make the most of the manifest and latent working power of the church.

This paper by no means advocates the substitution of merely the Sabbath School *as it now is*, for one of the preaching services; nor any plan that leaves the minister an idle half day on the Sabbath.

The modification of services suggested is,—*the substitution of a Bible service, in place of one of the Preaching Services*, taking the Sabbath School as the nucleus.

Let the Bible Service embrace three elements. 1. Devotional Exercises. 2. Study, in classes, of a uniform portion of the Word of God. 3. A brief, unwritten sermon, summing up and applying the main spiritual truths of the lesson. This method has commended itself by its results. The church in Farmington, after nearly four years practical acquaintance has long ago ceased to regard it as an experiment. Among beneficial results the following have been noted:

1. Increased interest in Biblical Study. 2. Teachers stimulated to more thorough preparation. 3. Pastor led to study the Bible more,—thus enriching all his labors. 4. Topics suggested for Social meetings, to which thought and warmth are added. 5. Increased desire to know what God saith as above tradition or ecclesiastical usage. 6. Helps the pastor to know the feelings, doubts and difficulties of his people. 7. Promotes fellowship among all classes. 8. Tends to strengthen the influence of the church upon the young. 9. Solves the standing problem of S. S. Conventions–"How shall we retain the young men in our Sabbath Schools." 10. Brings the Pastor nearer the young people, and gives him opportunity to "feed the lambs." 11. With the two other services, it fills the day comfortably without crowding, and makes the Sabbath brighter, calmer, more restful and satisfying.

Even now, the Church gathers its best fruit from the Sabbath School, with all its limitations and defects. How much larger "harvests of glory" may we not expect, when the Sabbath School shall develop into a Service for the study of God's Holy Word, by the church and congregation, "both young men and maidens, old men and children," led by the Pastor, and regarded as co-ordinate with the other services of the Lord's Day.

REPORT OF THE VISITING COMMITTEE

TO

BANGOR THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY FOR 1874.

Your Committee found Bangor Theological Seminary in a flourishing condition The days of depression have passed away, never to return, as we may hope, t this noble Institution.

The increase of the funds of the Seminary during the past fiscal year, has bee over $5,000. Various repairs and improvements have been made on the building and grounds of the Seminary; so that in view of the considerable expenditures o the year, the net increase of funds is highly gratifying. But there is something t report that is more desirable than money, as regards our Institution. We found large number of promising young men who had enjoyed its privileges the pas year. Forty names were enrolled in the catalogue.

The Anniversary exercises were of a highly satisfactory character. On Sabbath evening, May 31st, Prof. Barbour preached before the Senior Class. It was fitting discourse, and one calculated to be of lasting benefit to the young men Monday evening the Rhetorical Society had their speaking in the Third church The presiding officer claimed for its members, marked progress over severa preceding years.

The examination of Prof. Talcott's class, Tuesday forenoon, in Hebrew, and the class in the New Testament Greek exegesis, evinced the critical knowledge which that learned man has of the Hebrew language, and also of the Greek. The students made a commendable showing of what they had done in acquiring a knowledge of these languages the past year. Prof. Paine has had a class in the grammatical study of the New Testament Greek. One young man became so much interested in it, that he has concluded to enjoy the full curriculum of College. With the very excellent advantages which the students of Bangor Seminary have for the acquisition of Greek, Hebrew, and Semitic languages, students can hardly offer a good excuse for graduating without some knowledge of the languages which the writers of the Bible employed.

The examination of Prof. Paine's class in Church History was highly satisfactory. Prof. Paine creates much interest and enthusiasm, in his department. He has taken Neander as a text-book, but evidently his resources are not contained in one book, but are from a wide range of study.

Prof. Barbour has, in addition to his duties as teacher of Homiletics, given instruction in Systematic Theology. The examination of the Middle class revealed to us the fact, that Prof. Barbour has a very great aptitude as a teacher of Christian Theology. The examination proved that the young men had been well

instructed in theology, and that when they graduate, they will go forth as workmen that need not be ashamed. We found Prof. Barbour evidently happy and contented in his well-appreciated labor for our beloved Seminary. And we may expect that coming years will fill his lecture room with large numbers of students. On the 3rd of June the Trustees elected Prof. Barbour to fill the chair of Systematic Theology. We hope that the revivals of the present year will awaken many to think of entering the Gospel harvest, and that they will place themselves under the tuition of this able Professor.

The other exercises of the anniversary, Prof. Sewall's address on the "Dramatic element of the Bible;" the meeting of the Alumni, and the discussion of the liturgic question, together with the graduating exercises, were interesting parts of the anniversary. The expectation for a large Junior class the coming year is fully justified; as already twelve have signified their intention of joining the class. Four who might have graduated, have concluded to remain another year for study. The venerable Doctor Pond still lives to preside over the Seminary, and to enjoy its prosperity, for which he has labored for over half a century. May we as Pastors and Churches continue to labor and pray for the advancement of every interest of Bangor Seminary.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH S. COGSWELL, Chairman,

JOHN B. WHEELWRIGHT, J. E. ADAMS, G. G. MCCULLY, W. F. OBEAR, H. M. PERKINS, JOS. TITCOMB, C. L. NICHOLS.

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(Dr. Barbour, who was Professor in this department from 1868, will for the present, continue to give instruction in it.)
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Term commences Sept. 17, 1874,—twelve weeks from the Anniversary,—which is held on the Thursday following the first Wednesday in June. Examination of classes, and Society addresses, on Tuesday and Wednesday previous.

FIFTY-FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SEMINARY....1874.

Bangor, Aug. 31.—Sabbath evening.—Sermon and address to the Senior (graduating) Class, by Rev. Professor William M. Barbour, at the First Parish Church: *Text*,—Matt 26:41,—"Watch and pray * * the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."—*Theme*,—The weakness of human nature, a plea for watchfulness and prayer. in a minister's career:—many of a minister's sins much to be prayed against, else no victory will be won.

June 1, *Monday Evening*.—Anniversary of the Rhetorical Society, in Central Church. Devotional services, Rev. S. P. Fay, of Bangor; Quartette by choir of the church,—"God in mercy hear my prayer; Address by members of the Junior and Middle Classes,—"Know thyself," by Jonathan Edwards, of Plymouth, Pa; "Conflict the basis of progress," by Osgood W. Rogers, of Windham; Quartette, by choir,—"The Lord is my Shepherd." "The Heart, the Head, and the Hand," by John G. Evans, of Scranton, Pa.; "The realm of thought," by Chas. G. Holyoke, of Yarmouth; Music, "God is my strength;" Benediction, by Professor Talcott.

Tuesday, June 2.—Examination in the forenoon, at the chapel, in Hebrew, and New Testament Exegesis,—Professor Talcott; Church History,—Professor Paine.

Afternoon.—Examination of Senior Class, in Church History, Professor Paine; Homiletics, Professor Barbour.

Evening.—Address before the Societies, by Professor Jotham B. Sewall, of Bowdoin College, in Hammond St. ch.—*Theme*,—The Dramatic element of the Bible. Devotional exercises, Rev. Charles G. McCully, of Hallowell. Singing by the congregation.

June 3, *Wednesday, A. M.* Examination of the Classes in Theology, Professor Barbour, in the Chapel. At the examinations the Conference Committee, Trustees, Clergymen, and friends were present.

Afternoon.—Meeting of the Alumni, in Hammond St. Church.

Rev. P. B. Thayer, of Garland, (1847), *President;* Rev. J. W. H. Baker, of Brewer, (1864,) *Secretary*.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Edwin J. Hart, of Minnesota, (1855).

A written essay, by Rev. Ephraim C. Cummings, of Portland, (1857), introduced the subject of liturgical services in public worship,—which was followed by a discussion upon the topic by Revs. J. E. Pond, of Hampden, Smith Baker, of Lowell, Dr. Pond, and Professor L. L. Paine. The prevailing opinion was, that some change was desirable, and that the congregation should take a more prominent part in the service.—The Secretary read obituary notices of the alumni, who have deceased during the year.—Revs. Nathan W. Sheldon, (1822), in Natick, Mass., Nov. 26, 1873, æt 82; Abel G. Duncan, (1828), in Hanover, Mass., Apr. 23, 1874, æt 72; Rev. Uriah Balkam, D. D., (1840), in Lewiston, March 4, 1874, æt 62; Thomas L. Ellis, (1853), in Paxton, Mass., Nov, 11, 1873, æt 48; Benj. F. Manwell, (1862), in Lawler, Iowa, Feb. 23, 1874, æt 43; Luther Keene, (1862), in Franklin, Mass., Apr. 17, 1874, æt 44. Also a reference to the following whose deaths had not before been announced;—Rev. Thomas Simpson, (1821), at Homer, Minn., in 1870; Geo. W. Ranslow, (1827), at Wilton, Vt.; Charles C. Taylor, (1837); Charles Boswell, (1839), at Fox Grove, Ill.; Adonijah H. Cutter, (1839), Nelson, N. H.; John W. Pierce, (1840), at Highgate, Vt., March 2, 1872, æt 60.

OFFICERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.—Rev. J. Evarts Pond, of Hampden, *President;* Rev. Wellington R. Cross, of Orono, *Secretary, and Committee on Obituaries;* Rev. George W. Field, of Bangor, and Jonathan E. Adams, of Searsport, *Executive Committee*.

Evening.—Exercises of the Graduating Class in Central Church.

Solo and Motette, by choir,—"Fear thou not."

Prayer, Dr. Pond, *President*; Music,—Solo,—"Angels ever bright and fair," by Handel.

Addresses, by John R. Chalmers, of Wells River, Vt., "The man of the world;" Thomas M. Davies, of Swansea, Wales,—"Why preach the Gospel?" Benjamin F. Grant, of Newport, "Christianity, its life and work; Charles E. Harrington, of Brewer Village, "Independence of thought."

Duett, for Soprano and Tenor,—"I will magnify the Lord," by Mosenthal.

Addresses by Richard W. Jenkins, of Kingston, Pa., "Reputation and Character;" Benjamin B. Merrill, of Bangor, "Living": Charles N. Sinnott, of Harpswell, "Turned aside."

Diplomas presented by Dr. Pond.

Singing by the congregation,—"Ye Christian heralds! go proclaim, Salvation in Immanuel's name."

Prayer and Benediction, Rev. Alfred E. Ives, of Castine.

The Triennial Catalogue, was published this year, comprising 36 pps. 8 vo.

Whole number of Alumni, 520. Students not graduated, 114. Total, 634. Deceased, 150. Living, 484. Total, 634. Present number, 40.

Eighteen of the Students' Rooms have been refitted by churches in the State; one, by the First ch. in Lowell, Mass.

Rev. Richard Woodhull, a Trustee of the Seminary, and its faithful Treasurer and Agent, from 1862 to 1872, died in Bangor, Nov. 12, 1873. (See p 37.) Professor Talcott, left July 11, for a brief absence in Europe.

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Fall Term commences Thursday, Sept. 24, 1874. Commencement Day, T July 10, 1875.

The Reading Room is fully furnished with new.papers and magazines; and a first-class Reading Room.

The "Praying Circle" of the College was instituted July 22, 1815, and meets morning, and Wednesday noon. These meetings are open to all who desire t The object of this association is "the religious edification of its members, the p of vital godliness in the College, and prayer for the universal spread of the gos

BACCALAUREATE discourse, Sabbath afternoon, July 5, 1874, by PRESIDEN BERLAIN.—*Text*, Ecc. 7:23, "I said, I will be wise; but it was far from me."— The relations of science and philosophy to religion,—Christianity,—Christ the the master key of philosophy.

July 7, *Tuesday evening*. Junior prize declamation. First prize to Myles Allston, Mass.; Second, to S. L. Larrabee, Oak Hill, Me.

July 8, *Wednesday afternoon*. Annual address before the Alumni, by Rev. Means, D. D., of Boston, of the class of 1843. *Theme*.—The Philosophic and ideals of civilization, and the points in which they conflict with each other.

Evening. Concert by Miss Annie Louise Carey, Temple Quartette, and C Band.

July 9. Commencement Day.—Thirty-three graduates, of whom thirty their parts,—Oration and Valedictory, for the degree of M. A.

After the Commencement dinner, which followed, remarks were made by G ley; Professor C. E. Stowe; President Allen of Girard College; Dr. Cyrus H Constantinople; Gen. S. J. Anderson, Judge Goddard, Rev. Dr. Hawes, of Nev Hon. J. W. Bradbury, of Augusta, and C. F. Libby, of Portland. *Evening*.— at the President's house.

July 10, *Friday morning*. Annual meeting of the Phi Beta Kappa.—Hon Baker, of Augusta, *President;* Prof. J. B. Sewall, of Brunswick, *Vice Pre* Annual meeting of the Maine Historical Society, J. W. Bradbury, of Augus *ident;* Prof. A. S. Packard, *Recording Secretary*.—Class Day exercises at the A. M.; at the Grove, P. M.

The degree of LL. D., conferred on Henry W. Longfellow, of Cambridge, M Bellamy Storer, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

D. D.—Rev. J. T. G. Nichols, of Saco; Rev. Benjamin Tappan, of Norr Rev. Jacob J. Abbott, of Yarmouth.

Vacancies in the *Board of Overseers* have been filled by the choice of W. B. of Salem; E. F. Packard, of Auburn; D. R. Hastings, of Fryeburg; Francis Rockland; L. A. Emery, of Ellsworth; T. H. Hubbard, of New York; and Pro C. Smyth, of Andover Theo. Seminary. Dr. John T. Gilman, of Portland, a in place of Dr. Swan.

Examining Committee.—Professor D. S. Talcott, of Bangor, John F. Ande Rev. J. H. Ecob, of Augusta.

In the matter of Military drill, the Board have made it optional with gymna cises.

The sum of $35,000 is needed to complete the endowment of the College. Chamberlain, Hon. A. D. Lockwood, and Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., were a c in reference to it. The President and the two Professor Sewalls, were ap solicit subscriptions during vacation. Rev. James M. Palmer, of Portland, is Agent.

Mrs. Almira C. Dummer, of Hallowell, gives $1000, to found a scholarship in of her husband, Charles Dummer.—The Edward Little Institute has given the College. The sum of $15,000 was subscribed in Boston, to establish th land Professorship of Mineralogy and Chemistry.

HALLOWELL CLASSICAL AND SCIENTIFIC ACADEMY.

BY REV. H. F. HARDING.

The strong appeal which BOWDOIN COLLEGE now makes for aid, we should most heartily respond to; but the College needs not only money, it needs scholars, it needs scholarships. However richly endowed, it can never greatly prosper without a supply of thoroughly trained students. While other colleges are successfully building up their Preparatory Schools, Bowdoin College must also have its feeder. To supply this great need, our Classical School was determined upon, and has gone steadily forward to this time. It has one of the finest locations and commodious and elegant buildings, furnishing ample accommodations for a large and prosperous school. It has a fine apparatus and a superior corps of teachers, two of whom, Messrs. Moses and Fish, we would wish to refer to particularly, as men of rare attainments, and unsurpassed ability in imparting instruction. The pupils in the school have numbered about eighty. Thus the school we have so long desired and prayed for, has been successfully inaugurated and the question to be decided is, will the denomination sustain it and carry it forward, and complete the endowment necessary to its permanent establishment and success. In the conference which met at Bath three years ago, it was considered that for the establishment of such a school as we desire and need, the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars would be required; and the conference solemnly pledged its money and its prayers, to carry out this enterprise. Relying on support and sympathy, individuals have contributed large gifts and made great sacrifices, but there is a limit beyond which individual sacrifices cannot go. Will the denomination redeem its pledges, and carry out its own great purpose, in the establishment of a school of high order in Maine? Other denominations are setting us a noble example in their efforts in behalf of education, and are leaving us far behind. It is well known to us all, what the Baptists and Methodists are doing to endow their Colleges and Academies. In some sections they are drawing largely on our own resources of money and students. What we do for education, we must do through our own denomination. We cannot do without our Seminary; we cannot dispense with our College; and equally great is the need of our Classical School. With these three institutions well endowed and strong, we shall have all needed facilities for our work in our own State, and mutually dependent and sustaining, they will form the three-fold cord which is not easily broken.

The new buildings were dedicated in the afternoon and evening of January 14, 1874.

Prayer by Rev. Stephen Thurston, D. D., of Searsport. Singing, by a choir.

Addresses by Hon. Simon Page, Rev. Messrs. Crane and McCully, of Hallowell; Professor A. S. Packard, of Bowdoin College; Dr. Thurston; Gov. Dingley, and Hons. L. A. Emery and W. J. Cartwell.

Dedicatory prayer, by Rev. John O. Fiske, D. D., of Bath.

The Address was in the meeting house, by Rev. Edwin B. Webb, D. D., of Boston. Theme,—The moral element, by original design, the dominant element in education.

Music by a quartette choir, and a ladies' singing class.

OFFICERS OF THE ACADEMY:

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Receipts thus far—$872.78; add to which, $196.81 sent to Boston direct, makes a total of $1069.59.

CONGREGATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF THE UNITED STATES.—Organized Nov. 17, 1871. Triennial meeting in New Haven, Conn., Sept. 30, 1874, at 3 P. M.

Gen. Association of New Hampshire	Exeter, 1st ch	Sept. 15, 1874
General Convention of Vermont	Bennington	June 15, 1875
Gen. Asso. of Cong'l Chs. of Massachusetts	Amherst	June 8, 1875
Gen. Conference of Cong'l Chs. of Connecticut	2d ch., Bridgeport	Nov., 1874
Rhode Island Cong'l Conference	Providence, Pilgrim ch	June 8, 1875
Gen. Association of New York	N. Y. city Tabernacle	Oct. 20, 1874
Gen. Association of New Jersey	E. Orange, Grove st. ch.	Oct. 13, 1874
Gen. Association of Michigan	Plym'th ch. Kalamazoo	May 18, 1875

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For information, or remittances for the Congregational House, or gifts to the Congregational Library, address Rev. Isaac P. Langworthy, *Cor. Sec., Librarian and Assistant Treasurer*, as above. Vice-President for Maine, Hon. Wm. W. Thomas, Portland. Twenty-first Annual report in Cong. Quarterly, July, 1874.

American Congregational Union (aids in Church Building), 69 Bible House, New York City. Prof. N. A. Calkins, *Treasurer;* Rev. Ray Palmer, D. D., Vice-President from Maine. Twenty-first Annual Report in Cong. Quarterly, July, 1874.

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The CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF CONFERENCE may be found in the Minutes for 1870, pages 67—68.

The ACT OF INCORPORATION and the CONSTITUTION of the MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY, may be found on pages 83, 84, of the Minutes and Report for 1872.

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***Copies of the united Minutes of Conference, and Sermon and Reports of Maine Missionary Society, are sent as noted on p. 2.

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Errata.—On page 122 of the Minutes, 1873, in the last line but one, there is a typographical error, which for the sake of historical accuracy should be corrected; for 13 years,—read 3 years.

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CHRIST A PREACHER.

MATT. 9:35.—"AND JESUS WENT ABOUT ALL THE CITIES AND VILLAGES, TEACHING IN THEIR SYNAGOGUES, AND PREACHING THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM."

This, from Matthew, is but a representative passage. Mark has such repetitions as "And he preached in their synagogues throughout all Galilee." "And he went round about the villages, teaching." And Luke says the same things: "He went through the cities and villages teaching," and "He preached in the synagogues of Galilee." And on a certain occasion when threatened with a wide-spread popularity, his friends gathering round him, saying, "All men seek thee," this village preacher said: "Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also; for therefore came I forth." As I view them, all these statements support the text and justify me in setting Christ, the preacher, before you, to call your attention to Him by the following order of thought:—

First, to consider the places where this preacher preferred to labor. Secondly, to consider the preaching delivered in these chosen places. Thirdly, to consider the preacher himself, at his chosen work.

First, the *places* where our Lord spent the most of his ministerial life. Among the many revised judgments of men and things which have come to us of late, there has appeared a different opinion of Galilee. Instead of an obscure place with a number of isolated hamlets, with good reason modern scholars find it to have been densely peopled; Nazareth, generally counted a village like Rockport, being a place as large as Bangor. But, be this as it may, there is as clear a distinction in New Testament Greek, between "cities," "towns," and "villages," as there is in English; and it is just as clear, that whether thickly settled or not, the places where our Lord chose to preach, were not, as a general thing, the "cities," but the "towns and the villages,"—and, as His mighty works show, often outside the villages, by the way side, the well side, the hill side, and the sea side. It is as clear as truth, that upon the foremost places for preaching, Christ and many Christian preachers have a difference of opinion. If his example is an index to his judgment, "a city charge," was not equal to a country charge. And, more frequently we hear of small congregations than large ones. We find his country congregations numbering from one to twelve, and from

twelve to five thousand. But, if in his esteem numbers had been the chief thing, he had not opened his mouth outside of Jerusalem. From this preacher's point of view it is clear that what *we* may count the most influential places, are not so. And more than one consideration incline us to justify our Lord's judgment. One is, that since a preacher's influence varies in its nature with the preacher's personality, his was a personality fitted for the quieter phases of life. He was not a striving and a crying preacher, whose voice could be heard in the streets. But *once* we read that he "stood and cried." His general cast of preaching was quiet, sitting down and teaching in the little synagogue, rather than declaiming in the temple. Town and village preaching, as we all can see, were more in accordance with his tastes and feelings than preaching to the larger congregations, and no doubt have we, from the style of life he lived in the flesh, that our Lord *enjoyed* preaching in the little meeting houses of Galilee, more than anywhere else. To one of his gentle and refined sensibility, more present reward came from such preaching, than from any other preaching. And, who with an eye for the unseen and the permanent, does not enjoy retirement from the glare and fashion of this world, that he may deal the more fully with what lies out of its whirl and din, and instruct men in the things of the imperishable life. In most important aspects, the rural preacher has rarer opportunities than the city minister. He reaches those, who, but for him, would have little or no excitement in a religious life; for, in the Galilees of the world, churches are not to be had at every corner of a street, where any sort of preaching can be had from any sort of preacher. The village preacher has a larger company of souls statedly under his particular influence, hence he more completely moulds their character and life. See what one solemn, searching, instructive discourse will do, when distracting influences are kept away. The preacher approaches the soul with a great thought. He lights up the universe to the quiet villagers. He preaches on Jacob at Mahanaim, and the angels of God are seen to encamp by the dwellers in lonely places. He takes Bethel, and Gilgal for a theme, and rock, and wilderness have their memorials of God. He preaches on the burning bush, and gardeners,and shepherds—and travellers by the way see God in lowly things, the road side flower becoming a Shekinah out of which, in the perfection of its beauty, God doth shine. If we do not totally mistake our Lord's manner of life, it was more to his liking to prefer access to souls comparatively undistracted, to keep over men an influence broadening and deepening, rather than to take these brilliant opportunities where life is at its intensest, but not its most lasting forms. And this leads me to say, that his action is further endorsed on the score of efficiency; for had he spent most of his power as a preacher in Jerusalem, if

city and country life were related then, as they are now, with the generation he preached to, his influence as a preacher had largely died away. I suppose that cities *then* as *now* were recruited from the country, and so by preaching in the villages he reached the future inhabitants of the cities and, in fact had the city congregations that were to be, before him in their formative state. Even now, the city minister often but continues to instruct those gathered into the church for him, in the rural districts. It is so with us here, and now. Fully one-half of our American men of mark are country born and country bred, and the minister who teaches them the ways of God in their youth, is as truly influential over them as he who directs their future.

But without fastening on these as deciding reasons for our Lord's choice, we can with safety say, that his choice of the villages as preaching ground, evinces his love of souls, of the few as well as of the many. It shows also, his judgment on the need of salvation by those who lead a quiet life. It shows, too, his determination to give the world no chance to say that either he, or those whom he influences, have left the lowly for the lofty places of the field, or have counted a few souls as not worthy the labors of a Christian preacher. Many of you, my brethren, live to bear witness that *that* is not to be said, while Christ has power in the earth.

Let me, next, present this preacher in the gospel that he preached.

An exhaustive examination of the preaching of Christ fails to give us anything other than the most simple and persistent setting forth of a few plain, yet far reaching truths. They are differently presented, set in changeable forms, tinted with variegated colors, but ever the same in proposal, and in issue.

You notice, my brethren, that he preached principles rather than commented upon separate actions; struck at the heart of things rather than pruned their surroundings; aimed not so frequently at immediate effect as at permanence of impression. You notice that he did this without any parade of learning. Without casting any reflection on human learning, he makes no use of it. We find no quotations from Plato or Pythagoras. His library was very small. Two or three volumes bound in one, more accurately, two or three scrolls rolled up together, comprised the whole of it. The Scriptures, the Law, and the Prophets, are all that he pretended to have read. And he proposed out of them nothing that he did not expect the people to know: "Ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time." And, if he did not soar over the people in his preaching, neither did he sink beneath them, by pandering to the vulgar. No jest made light his thought, no slang made rude his speech. Not only had he a holy law, and a holy gospel, and holy prophets to preach, he preached them in a holy manner. Nor

was his preaching dazzling in one place, and dull in another. He had not one style for Nazareth, and another for Jerusalem. The same gospel he preached outside of Nain and inside of Capernaum. Whether the Samaritan by the well, or Pilate in the judgment hall was before him, he varied not its everlasting utterance: "God is over all: God is over you: His Kingdom is of the truth, and all who are of the truth are in it." And, if we rightly judge, to us this is, perhaps, the most valuable feature of his preaching. For, if He changed everything about his preaching, but its historical facts, and their underlying principles, we are certain that whatever we may change to suit different people and different times, these facts and principles we cannot change. Again, recall the fact that he preached principles not to the Jews or Gentiles, but to man,—to man as man wherever found: "Except a *man* be born again he cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven."—"The Sabbath was made for *man*."—"What shall a *man* give in exchange for his soul."—Out of the *heart*, not out of a few bad hearts, but out of *the heart* proceed evil thoughts. These are the things which defile a *man*.—"God so loved the *world* that he gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him might not perish but have everlasting life." In Christ Jesus' preaching, as in Christ Jesus' religion, and in Christ Jesus Himself, there is neither Jew nor Greek, Barbarian, Scythian, bond, or free, but all are one, under the one great ruin, and in need of the one great remedy. "Heaven and earth may pass away, but My word," said he, "shall not pass away." Men may withhold them, but that does not pass them away, men may say they have passed away, but that does not make Christ untrue. Men may preach what they have originated, and these things may pass away, as they have done and yet will do, but still the law is the eternal law, and the gospel is the everlasting gospel, still that voice falters not.—"Preach the preaching that I bid you—and I am with you till the end of the world."

This preacher was too wise to say such things at random. And the best proof of his wisdom in thus setting forth these undying principles, is the fact that the world witnesses that he was right. For, until this hour, when fairly allowed to speak, the heart of man cries out for what he declared it would ever need. His preaching cannot change in its essentials, because the needs it ministers to, are unchanging in their essentials. Strip off the glitter of conventionality, and where is the heart not weary and heavy laden, if Christ has not given it rest? Who fills the hungry for righteousness but him who said, I am the Bread of Life? What angry conscience is pacified towards God unless his blood speaks its peace? What victory over death is gained except he gives it? Brethren, we believe these things because we have heard of them, we believe them more fully because we know of them. We preach Christ

crucified, not merely because we are told to do so, but also because no other Christ can save, or satisfy, or sanctify the heart. Happy are they whose preaching goes on to say, "Christ is true, for what he preached, we find reason for preaching still."

After hearing of a preacher's field of labor, and of the matter and style of his preaching, the next thing we like to hear is how he bore himself in his work. This we are now brought to consider, in taking up our third view of Christ the Preacher.

First, under this inquiry, he carried on his ministry in comparative poverty. I avoid the direct phrase "a poor preacher," because it is ambiguous; for many well provided for by wealthy parishes, are "poor preachers," and others under paid, or rather not paid at all, are among the best preachers in the Christian church. There is no avoiding the fact, and Christ himself is the last to have us seek to avoid it, that in worldly circumstances he was poor, and chose to be poor, through all his ministerial career.

My brethren, here I confess that of all the phases of our Lord's life, his poverty most of all taxes my faith. It is easy to believe in his riches, his grandeur, his untold resources with the Father; but to implicitly take in the fact that he was in want, that he hungered to fainting, that he had no where to lay his head,—to hesitate to believe this to be real as poverty when it pinches for the necessaries of life, I am tempted to say, is a sort of pardonable unbelief. Especially, when with equal faith, I am to hold it along with my belief in his ownership of all things, at whose word a little bread became bread for thousands. Yet, I do believe it, but in doing so, I own it to be a tempted faith. I think I can understand the ancient heresy of the Docetae who held to a mere *seeming* to be human, thus denying the proper humanity of the Saviour. It is easy to tell you why we are compelled to believe in his poverty. His word is passed upon it. If he is not to be believed here, why believe him in anything, for to nothing has he more unequivocally spoken than to his lack of this world's goods.

And he confesses it in such a way as to confirm its genuineness. He makes no capital out of it, seeks no sympathy, makes no boast of it. Out of it he does not flaunt and taunt the rich, as the manner of some is—a thing, as I look at it, as unbecoming as for the rich to flaunt and taunt the poor. Some are helplessly rich, as some are helplessly poor. Some are hopelessly rich, even as some are hopelessly poor. And why taunt, when help and hope of change are gone.

Let us turn to Christ the preacher in his poverty. He must have chosen the low estate for other reasons than poverty itself. It may have been for riches of contentment unto others. And so it has come to pass. For before him, the poor in his service are dumb. Disciples cannot expect to be above their master. Like

him, they live to exemplify their own doctrine, that his kingdom is not of this world, consequently the gains of this world are out of their computations. And let this be said, my brethren, that when received in its dread reality, our Lord's poverty has a wonderfully sweetening effect on our own. The minister whose house is frail, whose roof is open, and whose food is fast giving way, has no great stretch of faith to get Christ in vivid form into the midst of his poverty. He had been there before, when a minister himself. "The foxes have holes, the birds of the air have nests but the Son of Man has not where to lay his head." We are straitened at times to pay a debt, and there he comes up again, and the coin taken from the fish's mouth shews us the pressure he was under for his ministerial honor. To save himself from hunger not a miracle will he work, but to save his honor, even in paying a questionable tax, he will. And in this, I think, in a lower way he has a following. God knows what some of his followers do for the sake of their profession, and what they do *not*, to favor themselves. Again, the needy preacher is frequently unexpectedly taken out of his trouble, and "Your Heavenly Father feedeth the birds and will feed you," causes us to strengthen the little faith that was doubting the daily bread.

And so it is that ever before the poverty smitten, there walks this form of the Son of Man, in a thousand ways reminding men of his own denial of wealth to himself, leading to an endurance of what, but for his sake and his example, would be intolerable. "All that a man hath, will he give for his life," but when that life itself is first given to Christ, then to be poor as he was poor, is more his concern than ours. And here, too, comes relief from the vexing unbelief that suggests, "What matter to him to be poor for a few years: he had all that he could enjoy when his service ended." To the one wholly given up to him, he says the same things with a kindlier turn, "What matter to you to be poor for a few years, you will have all that I have when your service is ended." And, if unbelief still murmurs, "Yet it is hard to bear while under it,"—with no murmur in the rejoinder, comes the appealing voice: "And if you believe I was truly a son of man, was there no hardship in poverty unto me?" And so "looking unto Jesus" under a poverty of this world's goods, we can suffer and be still.

The next feature of his experience, one which is wonderful when considered after his poverty, is the taxing character of his work. Christ was a laborious preacher. When we consider the shortness of his life, the public service crowded into it seems incredible. Without divine replenishment beyond measure, it could not have been done. All who preach the gospel know by experience how exhausting it is to live under the spell of its truths as they are first taken on the heart, and then sent from the heart, carrying the

preacher's vital and spiritual force along with them. Preaching that does not tax the preacher, taxes the people hard enough. The preaching that comes with force to the heart and conscience, gets a share of its force in the transmission, and the clearness and power that the people acknowledge, the preacher must labor for. That our Lord took rest between seasons of labor convinces us of his exhaustion. That he retired for prayer before going into great labor, convinces us of his felt need of spiritual replenishment. And no wonder. According to Josephus, in Galilee, which was only *one* of the provinces where Jesus preached, there were two hundred and four towns and villages. If we consider that in most, if not all of these which had synagogues, he preached, and in many of them repeatedly, we begin to estimate the heavy draft on his bodily strength. Now-a-days a minister thinks he does well who preaches a hundred times a year, a good many declare that fifty-two times is all that they can possibly undertake. Here is the Son of Man praying all night at times, then travelling on foot, and preaching almost every day, (as he must have done to meet the recorded facts of his life), then healing the sick at sunset, and conversing, and rebuking, and instructing at public feasts, and in private interviews besides.

No preacher's life discloses more harassing toil than the life of Christ. For, when we add to the physical exertion, the mental strain, the hope and fear, and love, and joy, he had for others in their conflicts, his life surpasses all others in devotedness to its great end. Think of the ceaselessness of his efforts, see the many cases where he did one thing on the way to do another, where he joined one thing to the doing of another, where there was no slacking of the tension upon brain and nerve, and how can we account for his living through one year of his labor.

But all that he did is not set down. Nor can all that any one does be put down, for men to read. Especially is it true that the unrecorded and unrecordable work of every ministerial life is what is never seen nor heard, namely, the labor of the heart for the hearts of others. This, in Christ's case, was momentous in import, and beyond our calculation in amount. And so were his experiences when virtue went out of him in miraculous healings. But, abating all these extraordinary matters, there remains a life of ministerial labor characterizing his ministry as one of intense and unflagging work.

And again, His was an unappreciated ministry.

If there was any feature of our Lord's service which more than another seemed to depress him, it was that he was misunderstood, and unappreciated. And, with our views of his humanity, a humanity strung to perfect tenderness in feeling and nicety in judging of the true and the honorable, by our very inability to estimate his excel-

lence we can the more readily understand how such depreciat affected him.

Even his nearest and best friends did not catch the drift of teaching. "So long with you and yet hast thou not known Philip?" "O fools, and slow of heart to believe." That late acknowledgement, but its service has not yet ended, that a our Lord's resurrection he was understood,—a long time to w but it came, and the preacher, at last, was justified of his hear

But, the rougher if not the more frequent of his experiences an unappreciated minister, came from without,—the rude rem of the vulgar, the taking up of stones to stone him, the sendin the village lawyers to puzzle him with questions, the watching they might entangle him in his talk, the charges against his and character, and especially the total misconception of his mis which appeared in the wrangles of the learned, and among religious guides of the people. He was "a seducer" they said. one who leads away from righteousness,—a blasphemer, a sin a drinker of wine and lover of food, i. e., a man of sensual clivities,—a political revolutionist. "The Romans," said t "will come and take our city if all men follow him." While fact was, that, had they taken Christ's incidental advice, and dered unto Cæsar the things that were Cæsar's, paying the Ro tribute as he did himself, the Romans would have let them alone. (I speak as a man) Jerusalem had remained till this day. An it has run. The taking of certain unappreciated ministers' ad and example, upon matters they have been unjustly blamed interfering with, would have saved more than one national st gle for life, since this neglected minister lived and died.

And when we add to the wrong conceptions of his public w the mean and heart-rending treatment he had in social life, of it because he was not understood, we wonder still less a evident sadness under his misconceived life. Recall some s scenes which reveal how much the world was in the dark conc ing him. The wedding at Cana, the feast in Levi's house, the of ointment—he could not get a little present without a gru nor could the children praise him without rebuke, nor the ma had cured of blindness confess him but at the risk of being out—and that last and crowning act, the betrayal. These re a total ignorance of the real Christ. "Hail Master!" as did not know that the plausible word before the face, was follo the selling behind the back—and kissed him,—as if he coul read its falsity. "Hold him fast." "Seize him, guards, and him fast—I know he can do great things, and he may break a and I be hurt.—Hold him fast!" See in that exclamation gross blunder of the coarse mind (for all traitors are destitute o finer feelings) along with the deep criminality of the false fr

The cowardly fear of the smooth tongued betrayer, discloses how deeply he underrated the King of that kingdom which is of the truth.

Another feature of our Lord's bearing as a minister, was his contentment. Through all this laborious and unappreciated service, he passed without a murmur. He went into the work knowing its poverty, toil, and depression, saying, "Ought I not to do it—not my own will, but my Father's it is my delight to do—I must be about his business, and I take no thought for the morrow, my Heavenly Father knowing all my needs." But the mention of this is sufficient, and allows me to hasten my conclusion, by discussing the last prominent feature of our Lord's ministry, namely, its success. Poor, laborious, unappreciated, yet he was a contented and a successful minister. This statement needs some care in the handling, because it has two sides, and so I may at once draw the distinction between present and final success. Immediately, our Lord was not the most successful of preachers, that is, if we look at the numbers instantly reclaimed, instead of at the delivery of truth, as the measure of success. We have no word of Nicodemus' conversion: none of the young man's who went away sad, being rich: none of vast numbers, he preached to.

This he said himself, that others would do greater works than he, when the fulness of the Spirit should come. Pentecost proved him true. But success, in the sense of accomplishing the work given him to do, and success, in the sense of finally attaining the end of his ministry, of course, there, of all preachers he stands the foremost. The divine idea of success, then, is not instant and easy accomplishment, not the amount desired by the preacher, not the amount expected by those who know the power of the truth, and of him who delivers it. Judging by Christ the preacher, success is the doing of what is given us to do, and the calm and trustful waiting for the glory that is to follow.

REMARKS.

1. Christ the preacher, in his field, his work, and his experience, leads us to the divine ideal of a life devoted to human good. This form of service was not taken at hap-hazard, it was the consummation of a purpose of eternity.

Young man, you will one day ask how you can best serve your God, and your fellow men. See for your consideration, the form chosen by the Son of God. Not the hero, the statesman, the lawyer, the discoverer, the merchant, the historian, the painter, the poet, but the preacher of the gospel.* With no depreciation of other professions, for in them all are honorable men, with love to

*The preacher once heard the venerable President Finney relate an incident in his life, that discloses an astonishing blindness to the true glory of a career. On hearing of Mr. Finney's conversion and devotion to the ministry, a member of the family exclaimed: "What a fool our Charles is, to leave his practice as a lawyer, for the ministry. Had he held on, he might have gone to Congress!" Truly, the young lawyer became a "fool," to make many wise.

Christ in the heart, that career comes the nearest to His, whose duties and enjoyments keep one near to so many things of Christ. And, if there is a choice in the kind of the ministry, while every ministry is honorable in its way, a village ministry is the nearest to Christ's.

"Yes," do I hear you say, "and be poor, and hard worked, and unappreciated, and but moderately successful?"

"Yes, my young friend, all that and more; but, then, in the midst of it, who is before you, beside you, within you? Were these things all removed, what were you?—A minister, with hardly one feature of Christ's career in common with your own."

2. Christ the preacher sets before us those with whom Christ most closely sympathizes. A genuine man, he knows most genuinely the experiences of that class to which he personally belonged. And while we fear to say a word to cast a shadow of spiritual inferiority upon any grade of preachers, for many a devoted heart beats under broadcloth, and many a selfish heart under homespun, yet it is injuring no one to say, that in the surroundings of some eminent in the church, it is after considerable difficulty that we get Christ into them. The Pope of Rome, for instance. It is the awkwardness of the Protestant imagination, perhaps, but I have great difficulty in imagining Christ Jesus amid the Swiss guards, in the parade of Holy Week. And so of those whose lives are passed in drawing room luxuries; but I need no strain to get him under the roof of the plain preacher of the gospel, whose spiritualities are over and above his temporalities. Prayer is easy there: labor is unstrained: communion with him not hard to attain.

Brethren, we may not have the foremost places of the field, but look at Him; true, we may continue to reiterate the same old gospel, but "Hear ye him;" "If any man add or any man take away from the words of the prophecy of this book, God shall so deal with him." And what the Son of God chose to keep preaching till he died, we may keep preaching till we die also. True, we may be poor, and hard-worked, and unappreciated, able lawyers may try to puzzle us, artful men entangle us in our talk, a gift may be begrudged us, some say, Hail master! and kiss us, after having sold us behind our backs, but consider Him, who endured such things, and yet was a contented, and successful minister of the word.

WHEREFORE, HOLY BRETHREN, PARTAKERS OF THE HEAVENLY CALLING, CONSIDER THE APOSTLE AND HIGH PRIEST OF OUR PROFESSION CHRIST JESUS, LEST YE BE WEARIED AND FAINT IN YOUR MINDS. BE OF GOOD CHEER. HE WAS THROUGH IT ALL. AND SOON HE WILL SAY SO TO THE ASSEMBLED UNIVERSE. AND, AS THOSE WHO LIVED AS LIKE HIMSELF AS POSSIBLE APPEAR, HE WILL SAY; "THESE ARE MY BELOVED AND THESE ARE MY FRIENDS, O DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM." THEN, IF MANY THAT ARE FIRST SHALL BE LAST, MANY THAT ARE LAST SHALL BE FIRST. AND SO SHALL THEY EVER BE WITH THE LORD. AMEN.

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PRESENTED BY THE TRUSTEES AT THE

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ANNUAL MEETING.

The Maine Missionary Society met in Newcastle with the 2d Congregational Church, June 24, 1874.

The President in the chair.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. E. H. Byington.

The annual sermon was preached by the Rev. Prof. Barbour, of Bangor Seminary. Text, Matt. 9, 35.

The Rev. D. Garland was appointed a committee to express to Prof. Barbour, the thanks of this society for his sermon, and request a copy for the press.

The Report of the Treasurer was read by J. S. Wheelwright, Esq., and was adopted.

A vote of thanks was passed to J. Maxwell, Esq., for his valuable and gratuitous services as Treasurer.

The Annual Report of the Trustees was read by the Secretary. Its acceptance was moved by the Rev. Wm. Warren, and was sustained by a short speech. Remarks were made by Rev. Messrs. Byington, D. Garland, Strieby, and Gov. Dingley.

It was voted that the Sermon and Report be printed with Minutes of the General Conference, and one thousand copies be struck separately for wider distribution.

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The next annual meeting is to be held with the Church in Aug on the 4th Wednesday of June, 1875.

First preacher, Rev. John D. Emerson; Second preacher, George S. Dickerman.

Adjourned.

Attest: S. Thurston, *Recording Secreta*

REPORT.

Two-thirds of a century have elapsed since the fathers organize Society, whose anniversary we this morning celebrate. It is older most of its patrons and missionaries, and will live to bless the State after they shall have slept their last sleep. In the kind Provider God, all its officers and missionaries are spared another year. V recount the doings of the year, and to stimulate each other to new ities in the sublime work of carrying the gospel to the destitute.

It is an honor to frail mortals, to be co-workers with the infinite in a work which he deems worthy of himself.

Most cheerfully should we bring to it, our highest powers, wa love, and our most settled purpose.

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1—ABBOTT & BLANCHARD,			$		100							$	$
Rev. Chas. Davison..	July 1, 1873	3	104	3	65	..	....	....	50	..	50	.....	.....
2—ACTON,													
Rev. W. S. Thompson	July 1, 1873	12	150	12	71	..	....	....	54	15	60	20 00	11 75
3—ALBANY,													
Rev. J. E. Smith.....	July 1, 1873	3	96	2¼	92	5	1	2	49	43	72	26 00	.....
4—ALNA,													
Rev. John Haskell...	July 1, 1873	12	100	6	70	..	....	....	51	..	40	17 00	10 00
5—AMHERST,													
Rev. H. S. Loring....	July 1, 1873	12	200	12	100	..	....	1	20	15	100	23 50	38 00
6—ANDOVER,													
Rev. James W. Hill..	July 1, 1873	3	96	3	200	..	....	....	85	65	107	96 00	16 38
7—BAILEY'S ISLAND,													
Rev. C. N. Sinnott....	July 1, 1873	3	96	3	36	..	....	....	....	25	23	16 00	10 00
8 { BENTON,.....					100	1	....	....	20	50	75	86 00	.....
{ CLINTON,.....					200	..	....	....	25	5	...	.....	.....
Rev. C. D. Crane	July 1, 1873	2¾	88	2¾	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	.....	.....
9—BIDDEFORD, 1ST,													
Rev. H. B. Hart	July 1, 1873	12	200	12	65	8	....	....	62	..	45	27 42	2 50
10—BINGHAM,													
Rev. H. P. Craig.....	July 1, 1873	2½	80	2½	140	..	....	....	48	75	75	64 50	.....
Rev. H. P. Craig.....	May 24, 1874	1	32	1	....	..	....	....	....	..	..	.....	.....
11—BREMEN,													
Rev. Geo. Hindley ...	July 1, 1873	3	96	3	65	..	....	....	11	..	35	97 52	.....
12—BRISTOL,													
Rev. W. S. Spaulding.	July 1, 1873	12	100	6	125	..	....	2	52	12	35	8 51	.....
Rev. L. D. Evans.....	June 4, 1874	1	32	1	....	..	....	....	....	..	..	.....	.....
13—BROOKSVILLE,													
Rev. H. W. Eldridge.	July 1, 1873	2¾	88	2¾	125	..	....	....	33	50	65	72 00	15 00
14—BROWNFIELD,													
Rev. N. H. Whittlesey.	July 1, 1873	2	64	2	105	..	....	....	39	10	60	61 43	19 12
15—BROWNVILLE,													
Rev. D. T. Williams..	Feb. 22, 1874	3¾	75	3¾	40	..	....	....	19	..	25	20 00	.....
Rev. D. T. Williams..	June 5, 1874	1	32	1	....	..	....	....	....	..	..	.....	.....
16—BURLINGTON,													
Rev. Ezra Andrews..	July 1, 1873	3	96	3	150	..	....	....	....	75	75	52 35	.....
17—CANAAN,													
Rev. Geo. W. Winch..	July 1, 1873	2½	80	2½	....	..	....	....	....	..	..	.....	.....
18 { CARIBOU, ...					150	..	5	1	25	20	75	8 00	.....
{ FORT FAIRFIELD, ...					140	10	8	6	41	25	40	13 00	.....
Rev. W. T. Sleeper...	July 1, 1873	12	500	12	....	..	....	....	....	..	..	.....	.....
19—COOPER,													
Rev. A. H. Adams....	July 1, 1873	3	96	2¾	70	..	....	....	....	15	30	50 00	.....
20—CORNISH,													
Rev. Albert Cole.....	July 1, 1873	12	200	12	95	..	....	....	63	13	60	30 00	42 00
21 { DENMARK, ...					50	..	2	....	42	15	20	8 85	.....
{ SWEDEN,.....					55	2	5	....	60	25	30	9 00	.....
Rev. T. S. Perry.....	July 1, 1873	12	200	12	....	..	....	....	....	..	..	.....	.....
22—DIXFIELD,													
Rev. Robt. C. Bedford	July 1, 1873	2½	80	2½	85	..	....	....	....	15	..	.....	.....
23—DURHAM,													
Rev. J. H. Broadwell.	July 1, 1873	2½	80	2½	90	..	....	....	....	6	30	.....	.....
24—EDGECOMB,													
Rev. Joseph Loring..	July 1, 1873	9	125	9	85	..	....	....	74	..	73	.....	.....
25—E. MADISON,													
Rev. G. A. Curtis.....	July 1, 1873	2½	80	2½	84	..	....	....	19	14	44	93 00	.....
26—E. ORRINGTON,													
Rev. B. B. Merrill....	July 1, 1873	3	96	3	....	..	....	....	50	25	45	30 00	.....
27—FRANKFORT,													
Rev. R. B. Snell	July 1, 1873	2	64	2	65	..	....	...	12	30	50	20 00	.....
28—FREEDOM,													
Rev. A. H. Moment...	July 1, 1873	6	208	12	150	16	15	1	31	30	40	72 00	20 00
29—GARLAND,													
Rev. P. B. Thayer....	July 1, 1873	12	100	12	120	1	....	2	100	25	100	65 00	41 00

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30—GRAY.			$			
Rev. Eben'r Bean....	July 1, 1873	12	125	6	....	..
Rev. E. P. Eastman..	Jan'y 1, 1874	6	62½	6	125	..
31—GREENVILLE,						
Rev. Chas. Davison..	Oct. 1, 1873	9	225	9	100	3
Rev. B. F. Grant.....	July 1, 1873	3	96	3	....	..
32—HAMPDEN.						
Rev. J. E. Pond	July 1, 1873	12	250	12	175	20
33—HARRISON,						
Rev. N. Lincoln	July 1, 1873	12	100	6	80	.
34—HIRAM.						
Rev. R. H. Davis	July 1, 1873	12	400	10½	72	..
35 { INDUSTRY, SO. ANSON,						
Rev. L. Reynolds	June 1, 1874	1	32	1	....	..
36—JACKSON & BROOKS,						
Rev. A. N. Jones	July 1, 1873	12	200	12	195	15
37—JONESPORT,						
Rev. D. S. Holbrook .	July 1, 1873	2½	80	2½	140	10
Rev. M. R. Peck.....	May 16, 1874	1½	56		....	..
38—KENDUSKEAG.						
Rev. A. Redlon.....	July 1, 1873	12	350	12	...	2
39—KENNEBUNKPORT,						
Rev. W. A. Merrill...	July 1, 1873	12	200	4½	90	..
40—KINGMAN,						
Rev. J. C. Whitcomb.	July 1, 1873	3	96	3½	....	..
Rev. H. A. Loring....	Sept. 28, 1873	8	180	8	70	1
Rev. A. J. McGowen .	June 5, 1874	1	32	1	....	..
41—KITTERY,						
Rev. G. W. Christie ..	Dec. 1, 1873	7	200	7	110	30
42—LIMERICK,						
Rev. Thos. N. Lord ..	July 1, 1873	12	100	12	70	1
43—LIMINGTON,						
Rev. R. D. Osgood ...	Nov. 1, 1873	8	84	8	114	15
44—LITCHFIELD,						
Rev. J. T. Hawes.....	July 1, 1873	12	200	12	100	..
45—LOVELL.						
Rev. E. F. Abbott....	July 1, 1873	11	137	11	100	..
46—MADISON,						
Rev. T. G. Mitchell...	July 1, 1873	12	125	12	100	..
47—MARSHFIELD.						
Rev. W. J. Leggett...	July 1, 1873	2½	80	1½	87	..
48—ISLE AU HAUT,						
Rev. E. J. Burgess....	July 1, 1873	3	96	3	35	..
49—MECHANIC FALLS,						
Rev. Thos. M. Davies	July 1, 1873	3	75	3	....	..
Rev. E. F. Borchers..	Sept., 1873	3	32	3	....	..
50—MEDWAY,						
Rev. J. G. Evans	July 1, 1873	3	96	3	75	6
Rev. Jona. Edwards.	June 5, 1874	1	32	1	....	..
51—MINOT,						
Rev. Joseph Smith...	July 1, 1873	12	150	12	75	..
52—MONMOUTH,						
Rev. Chas. W. Nile...	July 1, 1873	2½	80	2½	120	..
53—MONSON,						
Rev. A. H. Tyler.	July 1, 1873	12	300	12	125	9
54—MOOSE RIVER,						
Rev. L. B. Tuckerman	July 1, 1873	2½	80	2½	90	6
55—MT. DESERT,						
Rev. G. W. Benjamin,	July 1, 1873	2½	80	2½	....	..
56—NAPLES,						
Rev. H. F. Snow.....	July 1, 1873	12	100	12	120	3
57—NEW SWEDEN,						
Rev. A. Wiren.....	July 1, 1873	12	300	12	150	..
58 { NEW VINEYARD, E. STRONG,						
Rev. J. U. Wyckoff...	July 1, 1873	2½	80	2½	60	..

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—NORTH BELFAST,			$									$	$
Rev. A. G. Fitz	July 1, 1873	2½	80	2½	100	..	....	....	17	30	65	45 00	9 00
—NORTHFIELD,													
Rev. Zenas Crowell..	July 1, 1873	3	96	3	85	..	....	....	19	14	65	41 50	.....
Rev. E. C. Shurburne	June 5, 1874	1	32	1	....	..	....	....	....	..	..	....	.....
—NORWAY,													
Rev. H. W. Pope.....	July 1, 1873	2	72	2	125	..	....	....	71	20	75	75 00	.....
—OLAMON,													
Rev. C. B. Woodcock	Oct. 19, 1873	7½	165	7½	....	..	....	....	....	..	..	.....	.....
Rev. Z. Crowell.....	June 5, 1874	1	32	1	....	..	....	....	....	..	..	.....	.....
—OXFORD,													
Rev. G. A. Lockwood	July 1, 1873	12	200	12	75	1	2	....	58	12	100	5 00	13 50
PATTEN,									64	..	45	25 00	.....
ISLAND FALLS,									10	..	35	5 00	.....
Rev. W. F. Bickford..	July 1, 1873	12	225	12	....	..	....	....	....	..	..	.....	.....
—PHIPSBURG,													
Rev. F. L. Bristol.....	July 1, 1873	2½	80	2½	78	2	1	...	111	23	46	101 75	5 00
—PITTSTON,													
Rev. L. O. Lee,	July 1, 1873	2½	80	2½	100	4	....	....	28	55	...	48 00	14 00
—POWNAL'													
Rev. Geo. A. Perkins	July 1, 1873	12	200	12	85	..	5	....	73	12	50	11 57	24 00
—PRESQUE ISLE,													
Rev. D. H. Hardy.....	July 1, 1873	12	400	3	100	..	....	....	16	15	100	.....	.....
—PRINCETON,													
Rev. Geo. Hindley...	June 5, 1874	1	32	1	90	..	....	....	47	30	125	5 50	.....
—ROBBINSTON,													
Rev G. H. Wilson....	June 5, 1874	1	32	1	....	..	....	....	....	..	..	.....	... ..
—ROCKPORT													
Rev. Jno. K. Fowler..	July 1, 1873	2½	80	2½	120	6	10	....	50	20	55	76 00	104 50
Rev. D. F. Stewart...	May 16, 1874	1¾	56	1¾	....	..	....	....	....	..	..	.....	.....
—RUMFORD,													
Rev. Jno. Elliott	July 1, 1873	12	200	12	....	..	....	....	29	..	35	8 00	6 00
ST. ALBANS,					60	..	....	....	22	12	*75	16 00	8 30
ATHENS,					100	1	....	....	42	8	100	8 80	4 22
Rev. W. S. Sewall....	July 1, 1873	12	200	12	....	..	....	....	....	..	..	.....	.....
—SANFORD,													
Rev. Elias Chapman,	July 1, 1873	4	50	8	75	..	....	....	49	15	50	.....	.....
—SO. SANFORD,													
Rev. A. H. Thompson	July 1, 1873	2½	80	2½	60	..	....	....	32	22	35	68 00	.....
—SHERMAN,													
Rev. T. E. Brastow...	July 1, 1873	12	400	12	140	4	4	1	87	78	150	37 50	25 00
—SOLON,													
Rev. E. N. Smith....	July 1, 1873	12	350	12	100	1	1	1	13	15	50	10 00	.....
—S.W. HARBOR, TREMONT													
Rev. H. M. Perkins...	July 1, 1873	12	150	12	75	2	1	....	69	30	120	13 00	12 50
—SPRINGF'LD & CARROLL													
Rev. W. Peacock.....	July 1, 1873	3	96	3	126	..	....	....	18	..	50	.....	.....
—STANDISH,													
Rev. S. H. Robinson.	July 1, 1873	2½	80	2½	95	..	....	....	46	16	50	72 00	.....
—STEUBEN,													
Rev. J. A. Freeman..	July 1, 1873	2	64	2	125	2	No	Ch.	....	..	65	108 50	.....
Rev. J. A. Freeman..	May 16, 1874	1¾	56	1¼	40	..	....	....	....	..	..	.....	.....
STOW,													
CHATHAM,													
Rev. Chas. E. Fitz....	June 5, 1874	1	32	1	....	..	....	....	....	..	..	.....	.....
—STRONG,													
Rev. J. S. Cogswell...	July 1, 1873	12	150	12	100	3	7	....	94	13	80	37 00	44 00
—SUMNER,													
Rev. Amasa Loring..	July 1, 1873	12	100	12	50	1	1	....	71	15	60	20 00	46 00
—TEMPLE,													
Rev. S. Hackett.....	July 1, 1873	12	125	12	70	..	....	....	58	20	60	.....	.....
TOPSFIELD,													
JACKSON BROOK,													
Rev. R. M. Burgess...	July 1, 1873	3	96	3	140	..	....	....	32	..	104	45 00	.....
Rev. D. L. Jones,	June 5, 1874	1	32	1	....	..	....	....	....	..	..	.....	.....

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87—TREMONT,			$										
Rev. A. R. Plumer...	April 1, 1874	3	25	3	180	8	No	Ch.	....	100	180	.....	.....
88—UNION,													
Rev. F. V. Norcross..	July 1, 1873	12	200	12	125	10	4	....	81	50	151	33 00	26 00
89—WASHINGTON,													
Rev. S. R. Butler.....	July 1, 1873	2	72	2	65	1	....	....	16	6	...	.....	.....
90—WELD,													
Rev. A. G. Fitz	June 4, 1874	1	32	1	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
91—W. NEWFIELD,													
Rev. Geo. S. Kemp...	July 1, 1873	12	150	12	80	1	1	1	52	15	50	29 00	15 00
92—W. CHAPEL, PORTLAND													
Rev. Geo. J. Pierce..	July 1, 1873	12	200	3	150	..	....	...	60	20	100	.....	.....
93—W. TRENTON,													
Rev. J. N. McLoney..	July 1, 1873	3	96	3	250	..	No	Ch.	....	90	175	111 71	.....
Rev. F. W. Newcomb	May 24, 1874	1½	48	1½	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
94—WHITNEYVILLE,													
Rev. J. A. Van Neste.	July 1, 1873	2½	80	2½	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Rev. H.H.Hutchinson	Jan'y 1, 1874	6	75	6	125	..	....	....	56	25	100	93 15	.....
95—WHITING,													
Rev. W. Veenschoten	July 1, 1873	3	96	3	90	..	....	....	27	20	60	117 00	.....
96—WILTON,													
Rev. E. P. Eastman..	July 1, 1873	12	200	6	110	..	....	2	85	25	70	46 90	40 00
97—WINDHAM,													
Rev. L. Wiswall.....	July 1, 1873	12	100	12	175	..	....	....	43	10	75	45 00	.....
98—WOOLWICH,													
Rev. H. O. Thayer....	July 1, 1873	12	100	12	157	..	....	....	91	20	112	13 00	65 00
99—YORK, 2D,													
Rev. Joseph Freeman	July 1, 1873	12	150	12	55	..	....	....	44	...	45	14 00	13 00

A Brief Notice of Some of the Aided Churches.

1. GREENVILLE has succeeded in securing the labors of the Rev. Charles Davison, a very acceptable successor of the Rev. Mr. Cameron. Three hopeful conversions are reported, and the prospects of the church are encouraging.

3. ALBANY was favored with a mission last summer of eleven weeks merely; but God blessed the labors of his young servant, and several souls were converted; backsliders were reclaimed, and the church strengthened. God thus put the seal of his approbation upon even a short mission.

4. This church, now more than three-fourths of a century old, and once supporting such able ministers as the Rev. Messrs. Ward and Johnson, is now so reduced by emigration and deaths as to be able to support, with the aid of M. M. Society, preaching but half the time.

8. These towns divided between them the labors of a missionary last summer three and one-half months; a pretty large portion of the expense was paid by M. M. Society. This year BENTON has employed the Rev. Mr. Dinsmore, of Winslow, to preach every Sabbath, P. M., through the year, at their own charges. And Clinton with a church of only five members, has engaged Mr. Crane, their missionary last summer, to preach with them a year, with only fifty dollars aid from M. M. Society. Surely the ability of these churches has been wonderfully augmented, or else has been in the past but feebly utilized. Heaven bless their growing enterprise, and crown it with ample success. Mr. Crane was ordained the 11th inst.

13. Our missions at BROOKSVILLE seem to have awakened a desire to obtain preaching a large portion of the year. Report says they have raised a subscription to hire a preacher for six months. This is one of the incidental benefits of our work. It creates a desire for more preaching of the good tidings of salvation by the cross.

14. The church in BROWNFIELD has been similarly blessed; and has moved to obtain permanent preaching. They are now favored with the able ministrations of the Rev. E. S. Jordan, formerly of Cumberland.

15. The missionary sent to this place labors not with the Congregational church of BROWNVILLE. This is self-supporting. He labors with a community of Welshmen, employed in the slate mines. They

are largely unable to understand English, and n
means of grace unless some one goes to them wh
vernacular language. A native Welshman is no

18. This large field, occupied by the Rev. M
have been worked to advantage. Fourteen ha
church in Fort Fairfield, and six to the church in
revival has blessed the former town, in which di
shared. A new church has been erected in Fort
dedicated May the 24th. "The house is furnish
bell. The house, lot, bell and organ, make a pr
Of this amount about $2,400 are contributions fr
Fort Fairfield." The County Conference held i
nection with the dedication of the house, and t
of deep interest to that little church and to the co

24. Mr. Loring having labored with this chu
left it last spring, and retired upon a farm in th
expecting still to preach the gospel as opportunit
in Edgecomb is still feeble, although during Mr. L
were added to it. An abundant outpouring of t
need. It is now planning for a permanent minist

28. FREEDOM. The past year has been one
church. They have had preaching throughout
a precious season of revival, as the fruit of which
to the church. So great was the interest awaken
that Mr. Moment, our missionary, engaged at firs
has felt constrained to remain through the year
their part, have paid all the expense of his missi
two months. For a series of years they dependec
ty in defraying the expense of summer missions
acceptable successor to Mr. Moment, they may l
furnish his support—perhaps fully.

30. GRAY. Rev. Mr. Bean, who has labored h
years, responded to a call at Camden, and remov
opening of the present year. The Rev. E. P. Ea
at once in Gray. A union prayer meeting was h
means employed, which, accompanied by the Sp
blessed to the hopeful conversion of some thirty
are expected to unite with the Congregational Ch

33. KINGMAN. There is no church in the p
exclusively for public worship, but a friendly mer

convenient hall, which has been occupied for the worship of God, and young men from Bangor have supplied the place with preaching through the year. A flourishing S. School has been sustained, and much good seed sown, which it is hoped will yield a harvest in due time.

35. JONESPORT. This place has a peculiar history. A Baptist Church formerly existed there. Some years ago one Adams came among them and preached Mormonism. Being artful and winning to minds of a certain class, he gathered a large company to go with him, to establish a colony in Palestine, which soon came to distress, and the poor dupes were glad to get back to America at the expense of the Government of the United States. But the malign influence of the man was left behind him. The Church at Jonesport was rent and torn, till it came to naught. A Baptist minister, having visited the place a few years since, found affairs in so sad a state that he wrote the Secretary of M. M. Society, requesting him to send a missionary to that place. This fraternal request has been responded to. A young man from Yale Seminary labored there last year a few months. He found there Mormonism, Adventism, Universalism, and a few souls of Evangelical faith, who longed for the coming of a brighter day. Our missionary was cordially received, and enjoyed the hearty co-operation of some of the most desirable part of the community. He gathered a large congregation, a S. School of one hundred or more, prayer meetings of much interest. The Holy Spirit accompanied the means employed, and sundry conversions occurred. As no church was found there and as the way seemed not fully prepared to organize one, the Rev. Mr. Merry, of Machias, spent a Sabbath with our missionary, and baptized seven persons, and received them into the Machias church as a branch, and administered the Lord's Supper to a few disciples. Prayer meetings and Sabbath Schools have been continued through the winter, mostly by the agency of pious women. They now have another missionary with them for the summer. It is highly important that the disciples there should receive the sympathy and aid of our churches.

36. KITTERY. This ancient church, though once strong, has for many years been in a very feeble state. But during the past year it has been much strengthened. Last December the Rev. G. W. Christie was ordained as its pastor. He had preached there a large part of a year, previous to his ordination, while a member of the Seminary, at Andover. God blessed his labors. Some thirty hopeful conversions are reported, and just that number have been received to the church. Old and decaying churches should not despond.

38. LIMINGTON has also been blessed by the visit of the Spirit. The Rev. R. D. Osgood removed from Kennebunkport to Limington in November. The good work of grace had already commenced. Fifteen conversions are reported, and fourteen additions to the church. "Invitations have been received and accepted to hold meetings in parts of the town where, it is said, they would not heretofore have asked Congregationalists to preach."

40. LOVELL. The Rev. Mr. Abbott, who has rendered acceptable service to this church for nearly two years, has closed his labors there, and they are now destitute.

48. To the church in MONSON, nine have been added. While they have met with some sad bereavements, the church now numbers one hundred and ten members, and we may hope they will soon declare independence of M. M. Society, and enjoy the luxury of self-support.

49. MOOSE RIVER is a remote settlement on a river of the same name. For nearly half a century it had been almost entirely neglected by the Christian church; hardly a dozen sermons had been preached there in half a century. One of our missionaries made his way to them a the spring of 1871. For two succeeding years, missionaries were few years ago, which led to an appointment of a mission to them in sent to them. They were cordially received, and God blessed their labors. Rising of twenty conversions were reported. But our Free W. Baptist brethren have gone in after our missionaries have left, and gathered up the fruit of our labors, and so we have not sent them a missionary this year. We leave the field to our brethren, desiring that they will cultivate it faithfully, and render it eminently fruithful.

58. The church in OXFORD, seems to be making slow but healthy progress. They show commendable energy in retaining their pastor in these days of fluctuation.

63. PRESQUE ISLE. Mr. Hardy left this field after the expiration of three months, and the church has since been destitute, except occasional preaching. The soil here seems not fruitful for Evangelical piety.

66. The labors of our missionary at ROCKPORT last summer and autumn, were blessed of God. Several gave their hearts to Christ, and ten were added to the church. They have a missionary this summer, who is rendering acceptable service.

75. A young man labored in STANDISH last season, and waked up so unwonted an interest in the ministrations of the gospel, that a vigorous effort has been made to raise means to obtain a permanent minister. One is now under a call and is soon to be ordained.

76. In STEUBEN there is no Christian church. A desire had been expressed that a missionary should be sent them. For two seasons past this request has been granted, and our missionaries have been kindly received, and some hopeful conversions have been reported. The people have paid a large part of the expense of these missions.

But a portion of the people have been moved to exert a counteracting influence to the preaching of the cross, and last year procured the preaching of another gospel, which is not another. Another form of liberalism is expected this year. Our missionary has sought advice as to what should be his bearing towards those who deny the essential truths of the gospel, and teach essential error. Such instruction has been given, as, it is hoped, will guide him wisely.

88. WHITNEYVILLE. This church and that at Marshfield have for years had preaching only three or four months each. Last autumn they made an effort to obtain a more permanent supply of the means of grace. The Rev. H. H. Hutchinson, who had labored in West Brooksville three years, was invited to visit these towns.—They were so much interested in his ministrations, that they extended to him an invitation to labor permanently with them. He commenced stated labors with them in January, preaching two-thirds of time in Whitneyville, and one-third in Marshfield.

Says our missionary, "I preach in W. every Sabbath morning, in M., every Sabbath afternoon, at W., in the evening two-thirds of the time, and shall be at M., Sabbath evenings one-third of the time. In W., we have prayer meetings every Thursday evening, Teachers' meeting Saturday evening, a Church meeting every alternate Tuesday evening. At M., we shall now have prayer meeting Wednesday evenings, and church and teachers' meeting combined on Friday evening. Surely this brother's office is no sinecure. If all preachers would labor thus abundantly, they might expect to gather more abundant harvests.

95. HAMPDEN has enjoyed the visits of the Holy Spirit; as the result of which twenty hopeful conversions are reported, and fourteen have been added to the church. Mr. Pond having served God in the West for years, finds his labors in the East equally owned and blessed of God; and is favored to see a beloved church, which has suffered much from emigration and death, now gathering strength.

The late Deacon Crosby, of blessed memory, left the bulk of his property to this church, which in due time is to come into their possession for the support of christian ordinances; after which they will no

longer need the aid of M. M. Society, but will be
Society has ever given them, with compound inte

96. UNION has again been the seat of divine i
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Son. Few of our mission churches have been so
in the last three or four years. Occupying one
rural towns, they must be cheered with the hope
will soon compare well with its natural. Mr.
with this church almost fourteen years, and th
benefits of the permanent means of grace.

97. Mr. Davis' health became so infirm, that
of May, and returned to his paternal home in D
will be able to return to this field, and resume mi
tain. One thing is clear, if he resumes service
sionary Society must in some way be relieved
expense hitherto incurred in behalf of that litt
the wisest plan is that they should unite with t
field in the support of a minister, who should wa
Notwithstanding other Evangelical preaching ha
the town this spring, yet the attendance at the C
has been quite encouraging. Our people have
little church in helping them to a house of wors
er to occupy it, to relinquish the ground wit
They will be slow to do it, for they hope there to
and blossom as the rose.

It is not judged wise to lumber the report
churches in which there has been no marked ch
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should be thankful if revivals had been more
record more instances of the rich and extensi
grace, and the return of many thousands to the f
herd.

We will be thankful for what he has done, and
the coming years more wondrous displays of th
God may be made, and larger additions be mad
disciples.

SUMMARY.

During the past year, ninety-nine mission stations have been occupied, located in one hundred and eleven towns.

One hundred and nine missionaries, fifty-seven of whom were young men yet in the course of study, have been employed; thirty-four for the entire year; fifteen between six and twelve months; the remainder for periods, from one to five months. The aggregate of missionary labor is fifty-six and one-half years.

The average attendance on the Sabbath has been 9,442; at the prayer meeting 2,280; in the Sabbath School, 6,321. Within the mission field are ninety-eight churches, containing 4,088 members, of whom 143 have been added by profession during the year, and 37 by letter. One hundred and eighty-seven conversions are reported.

$3,362.54 have been contributed to the Maine Missionary Society by these mission churches, and $1,557.20 to other benevolent objects, a very gratifying increase on the preceding year.

Our field of operation is our own State; and to cultivate it aright, we must understand alike its resources and its needs, and how best to adapt these resources to the wants of the field. In the Report for 1870, is a general view of the condition of the churches of our denomination, to which we refer, as shewing how numerous are the feeble churches, and how wide and needy the field in which we are called to labor.

Our strong, wealthy churches are comparatively few, and the growth of our State has been chiefly in a few commercial and manufacturing centres, while other portions have declined, and many of the weaker churches have lost so many by death and removals, that their strength has been diminished rather than increased. Yet we have labored on, hoping not only to keep alive these fainting ones, but to see a better, brighter day, a day of growth and increase. Such a work has great discouragements, but it is committed to us, and we must do it. It is a great work,—a wide field, for our resources to meet; as great probably, as rests upon any Home Missionary Society. We have a larger proportion of mission stations, and employ more missionaries than most State societies, and are yet behind many in means and facilities for carrying on the work. If, under such circumstances, we fall short, and

fail to do much that needs to be done, while we deeply regret it, we yet feel that the record of the Society shows that we have done what we could.

We need a larger income, and so provided as to enable us to meet the semi-annual and quarterly payments of our missionaries without resorting to temporary loans. And we would suggest to the churches the desirableness of making a collection for our treasury twice a year, in December and June. Such a plan, if generally adopted, would very much facilitate our payments: and with a field so wide as ours, and so pressing in its claims, our *Home* field too, is it asking more than is reasonable, that it be specially remembered *twice* in a year?

FINANCES.

The appropriations of the past year have been $14,608,—almost $3,000 less than the previous year.

As the second quarter of the year drew towards a close, the trustees felt constrained to appeal to the Churches for a special contribution, that they might meet the claims becoming due at that time. A generous response was given, and the toiling missionaries received their much needed pay.

Early in April the trustees met again, and found the indebtedness a little more than $2,500, and not one hundred in the treasury. Resort was had to loans to meet the indebtedness of the Society for the third quarter of the year. Since then the receipts have been small—the last two months only $566.00—the last three only $898.66.

Early in April the indebtedness of the Society was a little more than $2,500
Orders have been drawn to be presented this day for - - 3,137
Thus making the liabilities of the Society since April 7 - - 5,637
Except what may have been received this month there is only - 899
To meet this claim—leaving a balance against the Society of - 4,738

In addition to this, twenty young men are engaged in missionary work for the summer, one month of which falls within the present missionary year, and for which no orders have been drawn. Add this month's claims of these young men to the Society's indebtedness, and the entire sum, $5,359, constitutes a formidable debt.

The receipts at this meeting must be uncommonly large in order to extinguish this debt.

This is a condition of things novel and startling, loudly calling upon the friends of the Society for prompt and large liberality. The ordinary annual contributions of the churches average a little less than $10,000.

A little more than a thousand dollars comes from permanent funds. Beyond this, the trustees have no resource except the uncertain and irregular one of legacies. Their great falling off has been the occasion of this embarrassed state of the treasury.

It is vastly important that some system should be adopted by which the income of the Society should be enlarged, and become more regular, and reliable. Can any better be devised than that already suggested, to wit: that the churches contribute twice a year for a Society which has done so much to build up our churches, and which is so much needed for the support of a large part of them, even now?

We think the missionary work in Maine should stand first on *our* lists of charities. Practically it is not so. Foreign missions receive one-third more from our churches than Home missions. We would not have them give a dollar less to carry the gospel to the heathen of foreign lands; but give much more to save our own State and land from relapsing into heathenism. Let the churches of the land be closed, the ministry silenced, and the means of grace banished, and how long before the knowledge of God would die out, and the dark waves of paganism roll over our fair heritage? If we would not have our State relapse into barbarism, and heathenism, the gospel must be faithfully preached. The churches we represent have a vast responsibility; and should tax generously their resources to meet it.

We need also to win to our field more permanent laborers, who shall remain with these feeble churches, and in these destitute places, to watch the growth of the seed, and nurture it for the harvest. We know it demands sacrifice and self-denial. Our fields of labor are not to most men as attractive or hopeful as the great West, where towns have a magic growth, and the little one of to-day, in a few years, will become a thousand: while here our towns are, many of them, stagnant and not a few absolutely declining. It is hard to work on this old material, where there is so little of the new. So many more inviting fields are open, that we find it difficult to get the men we need, especially for permanent locations. If we had not been able, from year to year, to engage students from Theological Seminaries, during their vacations, many of these fields would have been left entirely without missionary labor. We are glad to know that these young men have generally found acceptance with the churches, have engaged earnestly in the work, and have given a gratifying record of success. While learning most valuable lessons for themselves in this early experience of missionary work, they

have also been blessed in their labors, and been
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There may have been a question whether th
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a wise expenditure of missionary funds? their r
may be thought, therefore, unfruitful. A some
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1869 to 1873. During that time the trustees ha
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of theology. Their labors have covered fifty
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To do justice to the subject, a comparison m
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months. Fifty years of this time by the studer

The whole number of conversions reported
these five years is nine hundred and seventy-tv
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ninety-three years of labor gives nine hundred
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report three hundred and twenty-two, thus sh
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over one-sixth of the entire time of all our mi
their labors about one-third of the whole; thus
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them far greater success than he has vouchsafed
who labor through the year.

Whatever some may think of the judgment
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piety; and of their peculiar liability to over-
true conversions, still it is believed that the fore
put at rest forever, all apprehension as to the
employing young men, while in their course o
the ministry. They have proved themselves c
useful. It is desirable that M. M. Society sho
half a hundred of them into the field every yea

A few extracts from the reports of some of these brethren may give a better impression of the character of the influence they exert.

One young man performed a mission of only eleven Sabbaths in one of the little churches in the "hill country" of Oxford County.—He reported four or five conversions, and great quickening in the church. "Backslidden ones have been especially reached. One had been away from the church twenty-four years without taking a letter. Another was ex-communicated twenty-six years ago, but returned fully penitent. One who had been hesitating for two years, told me at our last prayer meeting, that she would trust her Saviour; another lady—a visitor in the place, became very angry at the way the truth was presented, but could not stay away from the prayer meeting, where she softened a little. I found her skeptical. Again I called and found her much changed, and willing to hear the truth. She promised to do her duty, and trust her Saviour. I hope that now she does trust him. A gentleman who felt that he had grieved away the Spirit forever, has come to trust in his Saviour. My own soul has been greatly blessed in this work."

Another writes, "The interests in our meetings steadily increased towards the close of my stay, and in answer to a fervent and continued prayer for the baptism of the Spirit, our hearts were filled with joy as one and another responded to the Spirit's pleading call.

We found that 'he *is* faithful who has promised', and so were quickened in our own life, and with glad and grateful hearts were made more willing to look to and lean upon our loving Father, with unfaltering trust." Ten were added to the church by profession as the fruit of this brother's mission of sixteen weeks.

We have but twenty young men engaged in missions this summer, where we had rising of forty last year.

Two from our Seminary are employed by churches able to pay them, and they have no commission from this Society.

It deserves to be told that the missionary spirit so prevails in the seminary of the Reformed church in New Brunswick, N. J., that two of the students, learning our funds did not allow us to employ them, offered to come and work with no more pay than board and traveling. They are both supposed to be laboring in the State on this condition. Can we doubt that such service will be a sweet savor?

At a meeting of the Secretaries of the State Congregational Home Missionary Societies, of New England, held in Boston last December, the question was discussed, "How many churches shall be committed

to one missionary?" and the following
adopted:

"Resolved, That, in our opinion, the
missionary field and the growth of settleme
isters for the entire field, the depressed
sionary treasuries, and the smallness of ou
make it exceedingly desirable, and often ir
sion of Christ, to put two or more of our l
New England, as now in the West, under

This resolution touches a matter of vita
missions in Maine. Our feeble churche
State. We have not ministers enough to
services of a minister. Nor can we raise
churches. These two difficulties combine
plan of putting two or more churches und
economical both of men and money; a
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one minister has had the care of two chur
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must unite your forces, or go without aid f

But another difficulty quite as formida
preachers to take the charge of more than
has lately occurred, in which two churc
made an amicable arrangement to unite th
one minister, who should divide his time a
they have failed to accomplish their plan, l
minister willing to take the field, and now
own Society. Perhaps this unwillingness i
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mon in seven days. Why should others,
quested to assume the burdens of two serm
miles between the morning and afternoon
of self denial is at a fearful discount.
have established a Christian empire in the

one sermon a week, and so trained the preachers he sent into the field?

The men of the nineteenth century should not expect rest this side of heaven. The State of Maine is not to be thoroughly evangelized without much hard work, and self-denying consecration to Christ. Who then is willing to consecrate his service to this noble enterprise? Where are the young men, who, with strong hands and warm hearts, are ready to respond, "Here are we, send us."

God grant a new baptism of the Spirit so that hard work, and great self-denial in the service of the Lord, shall become a pleasure,—so that young men shall rush to the hard field, even as to a banquet, esteeming it a privilege and a joy to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ any where on earth. We need more of the Spirit of Paul, who gloried in infirmities, and took pleasure in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for *Christ's sake. Any thing, O any thing, for Christ. This spirit would soon conquer the world.*

May Heaven shed it upon the whole Church—especially upon the rising ministry.

In behalf of the Trustees.

S. THURSTON, SEC'Y.

TREASURER

Dr. MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY, IN ACCO

1874.									
June 23,	To balance in the Treasury, as settled June 23, 1873								$1
	" Received income from Permanent Fund, as follows, viz:								
	"	"	dividend, Casco National Bank, Portland					$200 00	
	"	"	"	Canal	"	"	"	260 00	
	"	"	"	Manuf.	"	"	"	77 09	
	"	"	"	State	"	"	Boston	41 75	
	"	"	"	Medomack	"	"	Waldoboro'	20 00	
	"	"	"	Portland, Saco & Portsmouth Railroad				30 00	
	"	"	"	Portland City Stock, $105, St. Louis, $60				165 00	
	"	"	"	Bath City do				150 00	
	"	"	"	Portland & Rochester				98 00	
	"	"	"	Saco & Biddeford Savings Bank				30 45	
	"	"	for rights to New Stock Manuf. Bank					10 00	
	"	"	income from legacy, late J. B. Thornton					60 09	
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	Wm. B. Sewall, income								
			MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.						
	Received from several missionaries, refunded							87 00	
	"	"	Rev. Dr. Thurston, preaching					124 50	
	"	for money loaned and interest						1,008 75	
	"	for loans at Casco Bank						1,500 00	
	"	for Aroostook land						200 00	
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			LEGACIES.						
	Received from estate late Deacon Tenney, Monson							200 00	
	"	"	estate Timothy Chapman, Bethel					100 00	
	"	"	late Mrs. L. W. Maxwell, Wells, annual					6 00	
	"	"	late Mrs. Hannah Gooch, Wells					500 00	
	"	"	late Mrs. J. P. Bunce, Portland					10 00	
	Received from churches, collections, donations, annuities, life membership, &c								11
									$18

REPORT.

WITH J. MAXWELL, TREASURER. *Cr.*

1874.				
June 22,	By paid Missionaries on Trustees' order			$14,443 71
"	" Rev. Dr. Thurston	$1,169 00		
"	" B. Thurston & Co., $6.13, E. F. Duren, $6.60	12 73		
"	" Sewall fund, Mrs. Bourne	225 39		
"	" " " Mrs. Sewall	337 90		
"	" interest Abbott fund	30 00		
"	" " Mrs. Field	70 00		
"	" discount on note, Casco Bank, $19.20, do. $6.30	25 50		
"	" 1 new share Manuf. Bank	100 00		
"	" Treasurer's account as rendered bill	43 26		
"	" C. A. Lord's bill, $30.62, Burr's bill printing, $120.00	150 62		
Balance in Treasury as settled this day		1,973 99		
				4,138 39
				$18,582 10

The Society is indebted to the Casco Bank $1,500.00, due the 15th July, which leaves, after paying the Bank, $473.99 in the Treasury.

PORTLAND, June 22, 1874.

We have examined the foregoing account, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched, and showing a balance in the Treasury, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-three and 99-100 dollars ($1,973.99).

THOMAS R. HAYES,
GEO. F. THURSTON.

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

AROOSTOOK CONFERENCE.

Patten	$30 00	Sherman Mills	11 50
County Conference	15 00		
			$56 50

CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE.

Standish	16 00	Scarboro'	33 35
Minot	124 50	Harpswell	6 00
New Gloucester	19 30	Deering	10 61
Windham	35 10	North Yarmouth	15 40
West Auburn	59 25	Yarmouth Central	85 00
Gray	27 80	South Freeport	32 25
Gorham	74 92	Pownal	11 37
Portland 2d church	42 70	Mechanic Falls	13 30
Portland	106 00	Westbrook	19 78
" State Street	466 69	Cumberland Mills	117 75
" High Street	410 00	Ligonia	30 00
" Plymouth	180 84	Lewiston	82 38
" West Chapel	38 52	Auburn	169 24
Lisbon	1 25	Freeport	30 25
Brunswick	247 42		
Cumberland	37 50		$2,601 88
Yarmouth	49 00		

FRANKLIN CONFERENCE.

Farmington	213 64	New Vineyard	58 00
Strong	37 00	County Conference	15 00
Wilton	46 80		
Temple	24 00		$433 04
Weld	38 50		

HANCOCK CONFERENCE.

Amherst	18 67	County Conference	31 31
Ellsworth	72 00	West Brooksville	6 60
Tremont	25 00	West Trenton	36 00
Bucksport	121 00	Castine	121 03
Mt. Desert	37 00	Bluehill	17 15
Deer Isle, 1st church	79 20	Isle au Haut	5 90
Deer Isle, 2d church	10 00		
Orland	25 00		$640 26
Brooksville	35 00		

KENNEBEC CONFERENCE.

Winthrop	60 00	Winslow	18 35
Hallowell	218 00	Litchfield	15 00
Augusta	410 78	Clinton	9 00
Gardiner	76 25	County Conference	19 50
Monmouth	67 00	Pittston	22 00
Waterville	41 05		
Richmond	10 00		$986 83

LINCOLN AND SAGADAHOC CONFERENCE.

Newcastle, 1st church	10 12	Newcastle, 2d church	34 69
Waldoboro'	43 00	Bath Winter Street	442 55
Wiscasset	20 57	Warren	52 30
Union	36 00	Bath Central	288 04
Edgecomb	42 00	Bremen	97 52
Woolwich	29 00	Rockland	25 00
Bristol	26 52	Boothbay, 2d church	20 00
Alna	18 80	Thomaston	36 22
Phipsburg	56 92		
Washington	20 00		$1,320 55

OXFORD CONFERENCE.

Sumner	20 00	Bethel	10 00
Bethel	44 00	Oxford	5 00
Rumford	17 00	South Paris	22 32
Norway, 1st church	75 00		
Norway, 2d church	27 25		$236 57
Dixfield	16 00		

PENOBSCOT CONFERENCE.

·kcag	28 00	Orono	45 00
·, 1st church	177 16	Brewer Village	15 72
ral	522 96	Kingman	56 15
mond Street	298 94	Molumcus	7 50
r, 1st	50 20		
den	61 65		$1,293 28
rrington	30 00		

PISCATAQUIS CONFERENCE.

·r	28 00	Greenville	43 00
nville	55 40	Abbott	42 00
and	50 15	Sangerville	1 00
son	33 50	Foxcroft	34 44
chard	19 50		
nty Conference	45 00		$346 99

SOMERSET CONFERENCE.

ridgewock	50 00	St. Albans	16 40
uth Anson	7 00	Athens	8 80
adison	51 00		
owhegan	133 00		$335 70
ingham	69 50		

UNION CONFERENCE.

Brownfield	81 43	County Conference	22 40
Stow and Chatham	7 00	North Bridgton	28 50
Sweden	36 45	Harrison	7 00
Denmark	26 88	Casco	17 40
East Otisfield	82 00	North Waterford	9 10
Albany	69 10	Otisfield	2 00
Hiram	21 10	Lovell	23 56
Naples	7 50		
Bridgton	37 25		$447 67
Fryeburg	19 00		

WALDO CONFERENCE.

Belfast	90 40	County Conference	32 68
Searsport, 1st church	309 79	Jackson	26 75
Searsport, 2d church	16 81	Rockport	15 06
Camden	20 50	Winterport	3 00
Stockton	42 31		
North Belfast	45 00		$622 30
Frankfort	20 00		

YORK CONFERENCE.

Elliot	$24 00	Limington	59 25
Biddeford, 2d Ch	108 25	Lyman	46 39
Kennebunk	173 05	Wells	45 30
Limerick	10 50	South Berwick	154 02
Cornish	30 00	South Sanford	68 00
Acton	20 00	Alfred	26 25
Biddeford, 1st	54 79	Buxton	52 35
Kittery	23 00	South Berwick	63 10
Sandford 1st	15 00	West Newfield	12 00
York 1st	72 50		
York 2nd	14 00		$1,114 88
Kennebunkport	41 17		

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

Dennysville	$122 40	Cooper	44 0
Whitneyville	103 15	Cherryfield	30 0
Machias	110 56	Princeton	30 5
East Machias	45 00	Robbinston	13 (
Northfield	48 50	Calais	38 (
Whiting	117 00	Marshfield	64
St. Stephens	60 00	Steuben	108
County Conference	49 55	Jackson Brook	19
Jonesport	56 00	Perry	6
Eastport	25 00		
Topsfield	25 75		$1,11

The amount in the foregoing table is $11,501.99.

LIFE MEMBERS—JUNE, 1872, TO JUNE, 1874.

Mrs. Hannah Garvin .....Acton.
Eliza V. Grant ....Acton.
John G. Sanborn .....Acton.
Dea. J. H. Lovejoy.....Albany.
Charles P. Brooks. .....Alfred.
Mrs. Mary H. Sayward .....Alfred
Mrs. Anson P. Tinker.. Andover, Mass.
Mary A. Cobb .....Auburn.
Nathaniel French.....Auburn.
Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Leonard.....Auburn.
Horace Little .....Auburn.
J. S Merrill.....Auburn.
Hon. & Mrs. Nahum Morrill...Auburn.
Anna M. Packard .....Auburn.
E. F. Packard .....Auburn.
Addie M. Pickard..... .....Auburn.
Mrs. D. O. Richards.....Auburn.
W. A Robinson ..... Auburn.
Mrs. Hannah Staples.....Auburn.
Mrs A. P. Tinker.....Auburn.
Roswell Silsby .....Aurora.

Dea. Wm. P. Anderson.....Bangor.
Joshua Lane .....Bangor.
Mrs. William H. Smith.....Bangor.
Lucy P. Arnold.....Bath.
Dea. Charles N. Delano.....Bath.
Charles G. Eveleth.....Bath.
Edward Gove ....Bath.
Mrs. Charlotte Harwood .....Bath.
Carrie M. King.....Bath.
Frederic Reed.....Bath
Jason Sewall. .....Bath.
John S. Chapman .....Bethel.
Martha B. Chapman.....Bethel.
Mary Jane Garland.....Bethel.
Susan B. Gove .....Bethel.
Abernetha Grover..... .....Bethel.
Malvina A. Twitchell .....Bethel.
Eliza A Huff.....Biddeford.
Eliza W. Huff.....Biddeford.
Dea. Marcus Staples..... Biddeford.
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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ART. II. The object of this Society is to extend the knowledge of God our Saviour, and send the glorious gospel to those who are destitute of the public and stated means of ligious instruction.

ART. III. This Society believe, and will endeavor to propagate, those doctrines which e called the doctrines of grace, and were the peculiar doctrines of the Reformation, and hich are comprehended in the Westminster Assembly's Shorter Catechism.

ART. IV. This Society shall be auxiliary to the American Home Missionary Society, on ıe conditions of the seventh and eighth articles of the Constitution, with the name and ıder the charter of the Maine Missionary Society.

ART. V. The payment of two dollars annually into the treasury of the Society shall ınstitute a member of the Society, and the payment of not less than twenty dollars shall ınstitute a member for life.

ART. VI. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Correspond-ıg and Recording Secretary, Treasurer, two Auditors, and fifteen Trustees, including ıe President and Vice-President, who shall be chosen by ballot, five of whom shall con-ıitute a quorum. The officers shall all continue in office until others are chosen.

ART. VII. The President shall preside in the meetings of the Society, and of the rustees, and call special meetings of the Board whenever requested by three of its ıembers.

The Secretary shall take charge of the books and correspondence of the Society, and hibit the records of its proceedings at each annual meeting.

The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds and property belonging to the Society,

and shall present annually a full and accurate account of
He shall also give sufficient security to the Secretary of t
charge of his trust, before he enters upon the duties of h

The Trustees shall meet semi-annually, at the time and
the Society, and at such other time and place as they may
hold special meetings, as they think proper. They shall e
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dispose of the property of the Society, and have a gener
business. At the annual meeting they shall exhibit to the
of all their proceedings, and of the labors and success of

ART. VIII. The Society shall meet annually on the 4
place as they may appoint. At each annual meeting a
collection taken up. Every meeting shall be opened and

ART. IX. The Constitution may be altered or amended
members present at any annual meeting.

ART. X. The missionaries employed by this Society sh
mote the great interests of religion by all the means in
turns of their transactions to the Trustees.

ART. XI. The funds of this Society shall be raised from
ships of members, and from the voluntary donations and
posed.

ART. XII. This Society will cordially unite with any ot
of Christian knowledge, who may be disposed to co-oper

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